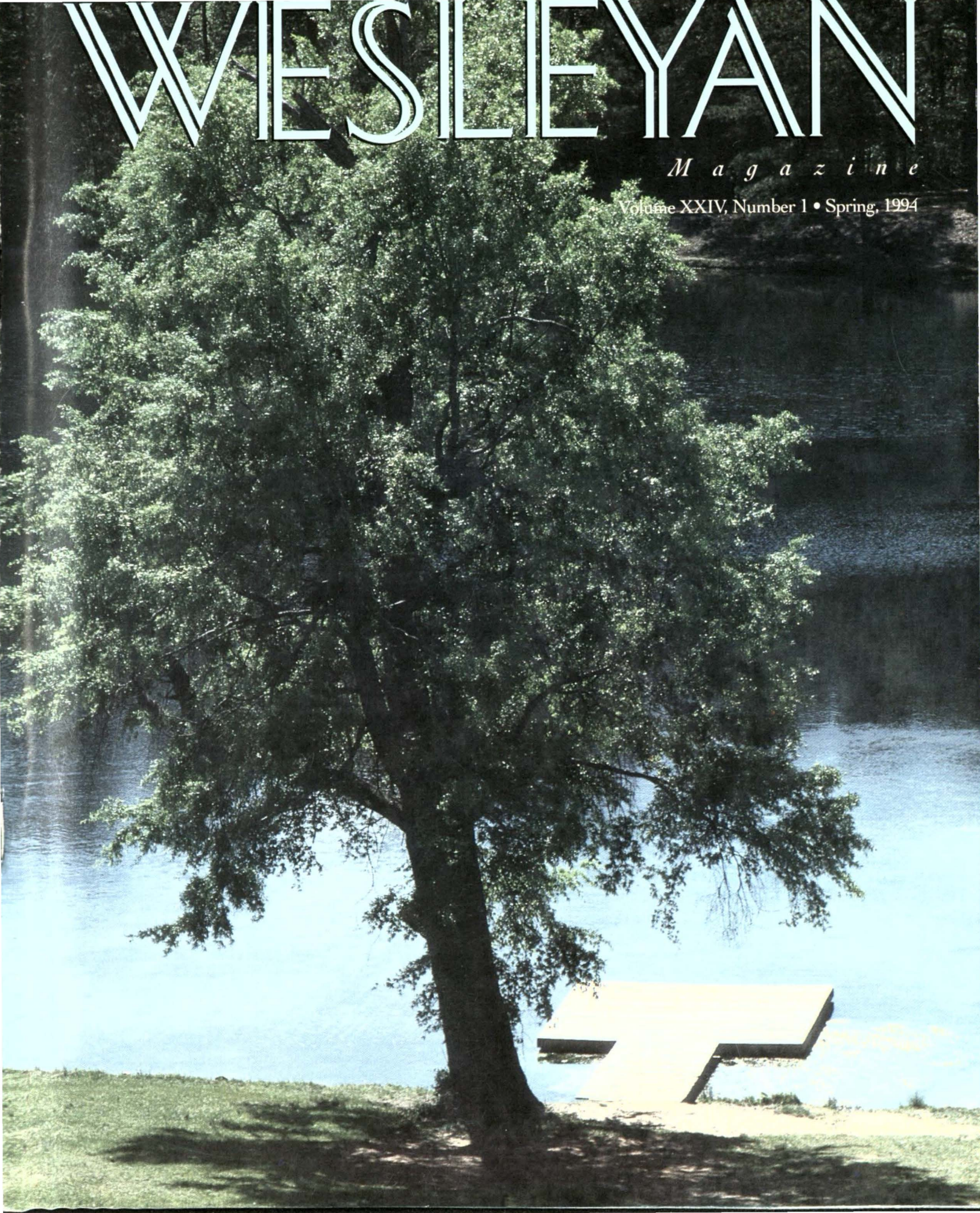


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Foster Lake on the Wesleyan campus is being utilized in research conducted by the teaching team, Dr. Alastair Inman and Dr. Anne Houtman. See page 18 for a full story on the couple and their research interests.

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## CONCERT CHOIR EXPANDS ITS ROLE AT WESLEYAN AND BEYOND

Wesleyan's Concert Choir began the year with informal concerts featuring material from the lighter side of the choir's repertoire. These suppertime concerts in the Burden Parlor, designed to spotlight more individual talent, have thus far included vocal and instrumental performances by both students and faculty.

In addition to their expansion on campus, members of the Concert Choir are also part of an effort to reach out to public schools in Macon. Wesleyan students have been travelling to Miller Middle School for workshops with the Girls Chorus. In return, the Girls Chorus joined Wesleyan's choral groups for the college's annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 5.

According to Dr. Laura Rushing-Raynes, director of the Concert Choir, the effort has also "proven beneficial for Wesleyan students, allowing them to discover their potential for leadership." The program is continuing, with the Girls Chorus scheduled as a part of Wesleyan's Spring Concert.

*A luncheon held in Deborah Norville's honor following the Carnes Lecture was attended by students.*



## DEBORAH NORVILLE DELIVERS KATHARINE PAYNE CARNES LECTURE AT WESLEYAN

Broadcast journalist Deborah Norville addressed Wesleyan students at this spring's opening Convocation on Jan. 13, 1994. She spoke of "Issues Facing Women in the '90s," saying that

the items on the top of America's agenda are issues that "women have dealt with for years."

Norville cited several examples of recent gains for working women, but she did not go so far as to imply that "having it all" — a career and a family — was without challenges.

Norville is a native of Dalton, Ga., and a graduate of the University of Georgia. Best known for her 16-month tenure as co-anchor of NBC's "Today" show, Norville drew from this difficult experience when telling students that they could overcome anything they encounter in life. "You are your own best advocate," she urged. "You have more talents and skills going for you than you can imagine."

Norville's visit to campus was supported by the Katharine Payne Carnes Lecture Series, established in 1983 in honor of longtime college librarian, Katharine Payne Carnes '13.

## ALUMNAE UTILIZED IN CONTINUING RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

Wesleyan has developed a new publication to be used by the admissions office staff. The brochure, "Outcomes," highlights the diverse successes of Wesleyan alumnae and emphasizes the value of the institution's liberal arts programs.

John Thompson, Wesleyan's new dean of admissions and financial planning, acknowledges that "the long term success of the recruiting program at



Wesleyan College depends upon the active involvement of alumnae." With this recognition, The Office of Admissions continues to coordinate the Alumnae Admissions Representatives (AAR) Program.

Enthusiastic graduates can get involved in the AAR program at various levels: from sending the college the names of potential students (see the insert in this magazine), to assisting the admissions representatives with college

fairs or local phone calls. For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions at 1-800-447-6610.

### STUDENT NEWSPAPER GETS FACE LIFT

The student newspaper, long known as The Times and Challenge, has adopted a new name. Its current title, The Pioneer, was inspired by the new athletic mascot and is designed to reflect both Wesleyan's origins and its continuing innovations. Anyone interested in a subscription to The Pioneer should contact the editor, c/o Box 8860, Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., 31297.

### MATH AND SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS PRODUCE NETWORKING NEWSLETTER

Wesleyan's Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics has established a tri-annual newsletter for current math and science students, and recent math and science alumnae. Entitled "Connections," it is hoped that this newsletter will be utilized as a forum for sharing opportunities and announcements. Please contact Dr. Hilary Kight if you have graduated from a math or science program within the last 10 years and would like to receive "Connections." Submissions to the publication are welcomed.

### WESLEYAN COLLEGE SOPHOMORE SELECTED FOR 'UP WITH PEOPLE'

Heather Goodwin of Byron will soon represent Middle Georgia and

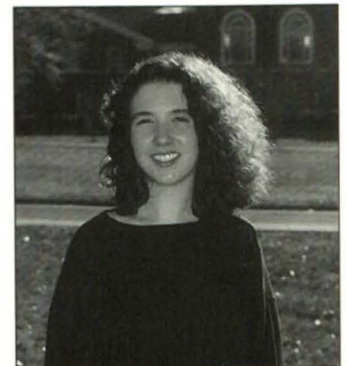
### TRADITION AND VISION, THE ALUMNAE CAMPAIGN, CLIMBS TOWARD GOAL

Thanks to alumnae support, Wesleyan's first alumnae campaign for endowed chairs will be a success. A grand celebration is planned during 1994's Alumnae Weekend.

### THE PROMISE FULFILLED, ALUMNAE WEEKEND 1994

Mark your calendars and promise to return to campus for this year's alumnae weekend festivities, April 15 - 17, 1994. Though reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals, all are invited. In addition to the candlelighting ceremony and other traditional gatherings, a professional leadership workshop and tours of today's campus to keep alumnae up-to-date are planned.

*Heather Goodwin believes she will function primarily as a singer with "Up with People."*





Wesleyan College across the world as a member of the inspirational organization known as "Up With People."

Goodwin is a Middle Grades Education major at Wesleyan and wants to teach social studies to middle grade students. In addition to the many benefits from her participation with "Up With People," Goodwin sees a direct benefit for her future students. "I want to teach social studies and I really don't see how I can be effective teaching teenagers about the world if I haven't seen any of it. Through my experiences I will gain more of an understanding about other people and their cultures."

Only half of the yearlong tour will be in the United States.

### COLLEGE COLLECTION AND ITS CURATOR ATTRACT ATTENTION

Wesleyan's collection of paintings, sculptures and fine furniture was the topic of a front page feature in a recent edition of The Macon Telegraph. The article detailed many of the college's treasures, including a photo of Wesleyan's oldest work, the "Madonna and Child" painted on wood by Cima da Congliano.

Frances Van Horn '53, serves as curator for Wesleyan's galleries. Van Horn, whose official title is director of campus and community events, has been on staff at the college since 1969, having previously held the position of director of alumnae affairs for 17 years. As part of her many current responsibilities,

however, she works to keep up with over 1,000 pieces on campus, maintaining them and knowing their histories.

With this renewed interest in Wesleyan's collections, Van Horn has decided to rotate the placement of some paintings that students and alumnae rarely get to see; she hopes to feature a different piece every couple of months in the Burden Parlor.

### THEATRE PERFORMANCES OFFER HISTORY LESSONS

Wesleyan College Theatre's performances for the current season somewhat reflect the history of theatre, juxtaposing classics with works from the '70s by female playwrights.

The first production of the year, held Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, was "Blithe Spirit," one of Noel Coward's best-loved comedies. Ntosake Shange's powerful poetic work, "for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf," was brought to stage Nov. 11 - 13. The diversity of Wesleyan's student body was highlighted in this production, which featured an all African-American cast.

The first performance of the spring semester was held in the new studio theatre, thanks to the generous support of the Grassmann Trust and the Porter Family Foundation. According to Director Julia Matthews, "The new studio emphasizes close communication between actors and audiences."

*Sbere Hollis, a junior from Augusta, Ga., played "The Lady in Brown" in the Wesleyan College Theatre production of "for colored girls..."*





The content of Wendy Wasserstein's play about life at a women's college in the early '70s came close to the Wesleyan community. "Uncommon Women and Others" dealt with "the theme of young women coming of age."

The season's lesson on the history of theatre will conclude with Shakespeare's classic tale of a woman taking control of her destiny in "All's Well That Ends Well," scheduled for April 21 - 23, 1994.

### FIFTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEMINAR REUNITES 'BEST OF THE BEST'

This fall's annual Entrepreneurship Seminar brought outstanding alumnae from prior programs back to Wesleyan's campus for a reunion event Nov. 7 - 9, 1993. Each shared expertise and inspiration with students and women from the local community.

"The Best of the Best" included Amelia Anne Alderman, M.D. '75, psychiatrist; Lorinda Lou Beller '64, principal partner in Alon Miller Associates; Alexis Xides Bighley '67, founder of Gift Creation Concepts; Marianne Graeme Fortuna, C.P.A. '70, international financial liason for Bell South and founder of a CPA firm made up of women; Dana L. Grinstead, Ph.D. '85, partner in Keystone Solutions; Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63, former vice president of computer business applications; and Helen Harwell Smith '67, program operations

chief in connection with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Also presenting at the workshop was Jeannie Gail Bowman, Ph. D., president of J. Bowman and Associates.

The three-day schedule of events included classroom visits, mock-interview sessions, motivational presentations and assertiveness training, as well as discussions of women's management styles.

The annual event is sponsored by the D. Abbott Turner Center for the Advancement of Women in Business and an alumna interested in Wesleyan students and entrepreneurship.

### STUDENTS FIND ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH NEW ACADEMIC CENTER

Wesleyan's many advances — new faculty and facilities, as well as the proven Computer Focus and Honors programs — are attracting national attention. For the sixth consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has recognized Wesleyan as one of the top 10 liberal arts colleges in the South. With this growth in academic strength, however, some students find classes more challenging than ever.

The new Academic Center was designed to meet the tutoring/counseling needs of Wesleyan students. The Center's 34 Learning Assistants offer peer support and flexibility in scheduling at no charge.

*Back row, left to right: Dana L. Grinstead '85, Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63, Lorinda Lou Beller '64, Amelia Anne Alderman '75, Jeannie Gail Bowman. Front row, left to right: Alexis Xides Bighley '67, Helen Harwell Smith '67.*





Student response has been tremendous according to Evelyn Adams, coordinator of the Center. There's been such a demand for math tutors that a Math Lab has been created in addition to the Writing Lab established last year.

### **BOSCH RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S AWARD**

Former Wesleyan faculty member Gerry Bosch was recognized at ARTS DAY at the Georgia State Capitol on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1994. Bosch's painting using red Georgia clay was hung in the Capitol and postcard sized prints were given to each legislator.

Bosch served as Wesleyan's Katherine L. Comer Professor of Painting and Drawing from 1945 until 1957. He began his tenure at Wesleyan Conservatory, but moved to the current Rivoli campus in 1954. Gloria Boyette Price '60, president-elect of the Alumnae Association, states that as an art student she was profoundly influenced "not only by his love of art, but by the genuine and gentle love of humanity that he conveyed to his students - he really opened up the world to me."

Two of his works are part of Wesleyan's permanent collection, and a watercolor in memory of his son, Jarir, hangs in the front lobby of Macon's Museum of Arts and Sciences.

### **FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR GROWS TO INCLUDE RETREAT**

During its second year, Wesleyan's innovative First-Year Seminar introduced new students to academic life at the college and extended learning beyond the classroom. All first-year students and their seminar instructors ventured to The Mountain in North Carolina for a retreat Sept. 10 - 12, 1993.

John Rakestraw, associate professor of religion and philosophy, experimented by taking his small group on a similar retreat in the fall of 1992. He had developed the idea while talking with a retreat employee.

This fall, Rakestraw's idea was broadened to incorporate more than 100 students. Activities included reading and discussion of "Taking Women Seriously" and "Claiming An Education" by Adrienne Rich, as well as trust walks and other outdoor challenges.

Students and faculty responded positively to the experience. Assistant Professor of Psychology Helen Hollis supports the program, indicating, "I noticed a difference in our discussions due to this experience. Prior to the retreat, I seemed to be directing their thoughts. Afterwards, there was more lively discussion because they felt comfortable expressing their ideas. It was interesting to see different leaders emerge in different exercises - seeing their particular strengths. And these different strengths are wonderful when seen as a whole."



## STUDENTS TAKE ON THE WORLD BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF WESLEYAN'S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Wesleyan's D. Abbot Turner Professor of Free Enterprise, Dr. Glenna Dodd, spent the fall of 1990 as a Fulbright professor in Bulgaria and established an exchange program with Sofia University. Last spring, the first four students from Wesleyan ventured into Eastern Europe. Tracy Knight, a junior from Columbus, Ga., majoring in sociology, claims she got much more out of her in-depth solo venture than trips she'd taken with her family as a tourist.

An "exchange program" like the one with Sofia University, means that a reciprocal arrangement exists between colleges, guaranteeing acceptance of credits earned while abroad, and no change in tuition costs. For more than 10 years, Wesleyan has also maintained an exchange agreement with the International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo, Japan.

For several years, Associate Professor of English, Darlene Mettler, has coordinated a trip to London. Many students have opted to write an essay and complete various readings to receive academic credit. She has found that it is a terrific introductory experience because, "London is not so intimidating."

Ellen Friedrich, instructor of modern languages, has also lived abroad, spending more than three years in France and Spain. Last summer, Friedrich intro-

duced short trips to these countries for academic credit.

As many Wesleyan world travelers enthusiastically recount their experiences to others, summer studies abroad and additional exchange programs are being planned for the year ahead.

## EUGENIA RAWLS '34 BRINGS FANNY KEMBLE 'BACK TO GEORGIA'

The social history of the 19th century was brought to life through Eugenia Rawls' performance of "Affectionately Yours, Fanny Kemble" in Wesleyan's Taylor Amphitheatre on Thursday, Jan. 27, 1994. This one-woman show dramatized Kemble's theatrical experience and her turbulent marriage to a Georgia slaveowner through letters and diaries.

Rawls '34 enjoyed great career success with this performance, as well as "Tallulah, A Memory" and "Women of the West." Though she presented the college with a collection of theatre memorabilia last year, she had not performed at Wesleyan since 1978.

The event was marked with both a luncheon and tea held in her honor. These gatherings were attended by students as well as Rawls' longtime Wesleyan friends and those from Middle Georgia.

## WESLEYAN STUDENTS WIN ADVERTISING CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Wesleyan students Jennifer Shermer and Sherry Neal were among

*Ellen Friedrich and Andria Magallano pose during their visit to Giverny, France, a location of inspiration for Claude Monet.*



*Eugenia Rawls (right) with childhood friend, Augusta Laws.*





winners in the annual scholarship competition held by the Advertising Club of Central Georgia.

Selection for the scholarship recipients was based upon an application, a portfolio submitted by each student, and each student's interest in the field of advertising. All colleges in the Central Georgia area were invited to participate in the scholarship competition.

### 1993-94 BASKETBALL TEAM EXPERIENCES YEAR OF FIRSTS

This has been a year of firsts for the Pioneers: their first year in NCAA Division III and their first year with Coach Lori Mazza. The Pioneers competed in their first NCAA tournament, Nov. 20 and 21 in Berea, Ky. Though the Pioneers did not taste victory in the opening tournament, Mazza said, "This team faces challenge head-on and they don't back down from it. You'll never see us give up in a game, ever." Mazza has spent the year working on fundamentals. "This team is the building block of the future," she says.

The second tournament of the season was the Smith College Tyler Invitational, Jan. 21-23, in North Hampton, Mass. At this tournament the Pioneers saw their first win of the season and their first tournament win.

The first Women's College Invitational was held on the Wesleyan campus, Feb. 26 and 27.

### 'MONSTERS OF THE SEA' FIND A LAND-LOCKED LABORATORY HOME

Six octopuses harvested off the coast of San Pedro, Cal., have found a new home in a research laboratory at Wesleyan. The facility, the only land-locked lab of its type in the Southeast, is remarkable because the saltwater animals are fed freshwater relatives of their natural prey.

Contrary to monster mythology, each of Wesleyan's animals weighs only around 70 grams. They have an amazing growth rate, however. Munroe Professor of Life Sciences, Ron Toll, plans to involve his students in research related to octopuses' growth and capacity for regeneration.

### WESLEYAN HOLDS FIRST WOW DAY

Mayor Tommy C. Olmstead recently proclaimed Feb. 3, 1994, "Workers of Wesleyan Day." The proclamation was made Feb. 3, at the WOW Kick-off Breakfast at the Macon City Club.

This was the first "Workers of Wesleyan Day," a day during which members of the Wesleyan College Board of Associates, Board of Trustees, and college administrators called on members of the community to make them more aware of Wesleyan's contributions to the area, and to garner support for the college.

More than \$100,000 was raised.

*Each of Wesleyan's six octopuses is kept in a separate aquarium to avoid breeding, which interferes with the animals' feeding habits.*



*Macon Mayor Tommy Olmstead, right, presents the WOW proclamation to Bill Matthews.*





# New Assignments



*Stanley Blair*

● Stanley Blair is the new American literature professor. He received his master's degree from Marquette University and his doctoral degree from Duke University. Blair is an associate editor of *Mid-Atlantic Almanack* and the program director for the Mid-Atlantic American /Popular Culture Association. Blair's special interests include American literature with emphasis on poetry between 1890 and 1940, poetry as a genre, history of rhetoric, and American cultural history.

Brian Britt has been hired as assistant professor of philosophy and religion. He earned his master's in divinity degree and his doctoral degree in religion and literature from The University of Chicago. Britt was formerly visiting lecturer in religion and philosophy at Wesleyan.



*Kimberly Estep*

● Kimberly Estep has joined Wesleyan's faculty as assistant professor of history. Her areas of study include British history, modern Europe, and U. S. history. Estep received her master's degree in history from Auburn University and is currently a doctoral candidate in history at Auburn.

Alastair Inman and Anne Houtman are sharing a position as the new assistant professor of biology. (See story p. 18)

James Rowan III is the new assistant professor of psychology. He received his bachelor's degree in biology and psychology from Malone College in Canton, Ohio, and his master's degree in experimental psycholo-

gy from Kent State University. Rowan is presently working on his doctorate in experimental psychology from Kent State. His primary research interests include animal learning, memory, and cognition.

Petra Schweitzer is a visiting lecturer in modern languages from the University of Georgia and is teaching German at Wesleyan. She earned her degree in German literature and drama at the University of Munich and her master's degree from the University of Georgia. A native of Germany, Schweitzer was a television production assistant and an executive working mainly for news programs in Munich and Vienna.

Ron Toll, the new Munroe Professor of Life Sciences, teaches biology. He comes to Wesleyan from The University of the South where he was a tenured associate biology professor. Toll earned his bachelor's degree in biology at Rutgers College in New Brunswick, N. J., and his doctorate in biological oceanography at the University of Miami.

● Linda Burnette is the new director of public relations and publications. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism at the University of Georgia. Prior to joining the staff at Wesleyan, she was director of public relations at St. Johns River Community College for six years.

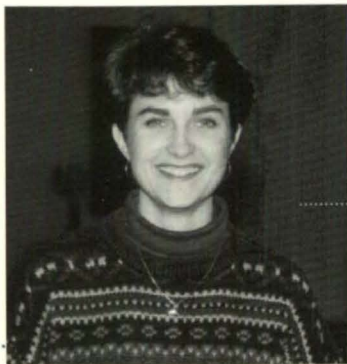
Dan Edwards is the new college chaplain. He received his bachelor's degree in history from the University



*Linda Burnette*



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Paige Getty

of Texas and attended General Theological Seminary. Edwards currently is also assistant to the rector at Christ Church in Macon.

● Paige Getty '93 has been hired as an admissions representative for Wesleyan's Admissions Office. Getty earned her degree in communication and business last May.

Lynne Henderson has been hired to fill the new position of director of admissions. She earned her bachelor's degree in business from the University of South Carolina. Prior to Wesleyan, Henderson was the director of admissions for Tennessee Wesleyan.

Beth Kargel '91 is the new assistant director of public relations and publications. She was formerly an admissions representative for the Wesleyan Admissions Office from 1991 to 1993. Kargel graduated from Wesleyan with a degree in communication.

● Jeanette Lang '61 has been appointed to the faculty and named Chair of the Music Department. She will work with students, faculty, and music alumnae to strengthen the music department. Lang is also head of Wesleyan College Center For the The Arts and MidSummer Macon, a summer arts program held on Wesleyan's campus.

● Lori Mazza has been hired as the new assistant athletic director. She received her bachelor's degree in health science from Lock Haven University and her master's degree in physical education from East Stroudsburg University. Mazza is the head volley-

ball and basketball coach at Wesleyan.

Christie Reed '91 has been hired as an admissions representative. She formerly worked as an accountant for Folk's Restaurant Management in Atlanta. Reed received her bachelor's degree in modern languages from Wesleyan.

● Tracy Skipper arrived last summer as the new director of student activities and residence life. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of South Carolina and her master's degree in student affairs from Florida State University. Skipper previously served as director of the Office of Women's Concerns at FSU.

John Thompson is the new dean of admissions and financial planning. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Auburn University. Prior to Wesleyan, Thompson worked as a consultant to student recruitment offices in private church-related colleges.



Jeanette Lang



Lori Mazza



Tracy Skipper



# *A Letter From The President*



Dear Wesleyan Alumnae and Friends:

Wesleyan has been blessed lately by two important events. First, we found in December that the late Anna Persons Hill of Forsyth, Ga., had made Wesleyan the primary

beneficiary in her will, leaving the college about \$3.6 million, the largest single addition to our endowment.

More recently, Mr. and Mrs. George Mathews of Atlanta have decided to establish a trust with a current value of c. \$1.5 million for the purpose of enabling Wesleyan to build an athletic center in honor of Mr. Mathews' sister, Mary Ann Mathews Pease '44.

Both of these events are in addition to other gifts that are creating significant changes on campus. The articles on the following pages provide the complete story of the college's recent advancements.

All in all, a sense of excitement permeates the air at Wesleyan. These fine gifts and others are testimony to the importance of this institution in the lives of many individuals. We are grateful to the donors named here and to each of you who supports Wesleyan.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Ackerman

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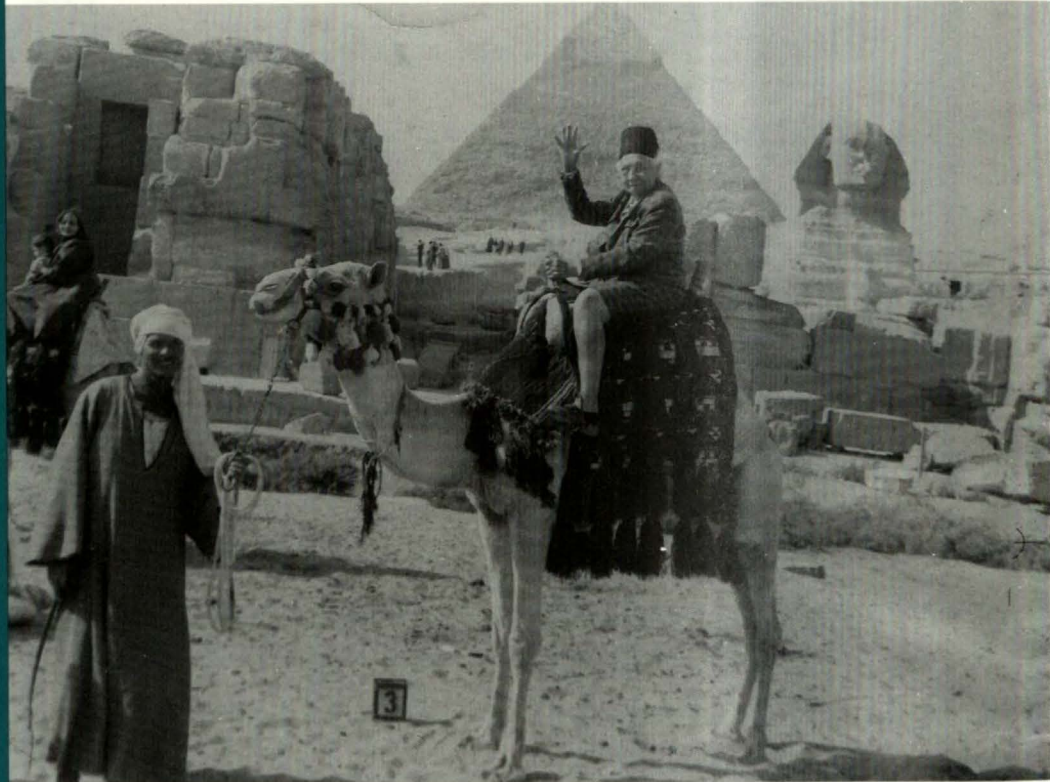
# Laying an Educational FOUNDATION

By Beth Kargel

Recent bequest is Wesleyan's largest ever, but the story behind the gift is just as remarkable.

Anna Persons Hill's gift of \$3.6 million is the largest single bequest in Wesleyan's history, and though the funds will certainly ensure a bright future for the college and its students, her generosity also brings to the forefront inspiring stories from Wesleyan's past.

Anna Persons Hill was a member of Wesleyan's 1920 freshman class and a 1923 graduate of Tift College. She married the late J. Tharpe Hill and spent her entire life in Forsyth. Then in December 1993, she passed away at 89 years of age and left provisions for Wesleyan in her will.



*Stella Baker Hill, who loved to travel, took a trip around the world at 80 years of age.*

Anna Hill restricted her gift, asking that it be used to provide scholarships honoring her grandmother, Mary Barry Persons, and her mother-in-law, Stella Baker Hill. Both of these honorees were Wesleyan graduates, and each of them seems to have possessed independence and strength ahead of her time.

Mary Barry Persons graduated at the age of 18 in 1868, with the highest records of any student up to that point. She married Dr. R.T. Persons, who had established a practice in Fort Valley, Ga., after completing medical study at Bellevue Hospital in New York. (He was the son of Rev. George W. Persons, one of Wesleyan's earliest benefactors.) Dr. Persons died when

Mary was only 25, leaving a widow with two young boys. The Civil War had taken property away from him, leaving his family in a mortgaged home with no means of support.

Mary Barry Persons showed extraordinary courage, teaching school in Fort Valley to provide for her children. During two unusually good years she made \$65 per month, though most of the time her income was \$45. Her two sons were taught the value of hard work, and became very successful in their own rights. They both worked so that they could study law, though Robert Turner Persons became a banker and businessman. Judge Ogden Persons served as pres-



ident of the state senate from 1915-1916.

The two brothers provided outstanding leadership to Middle Georgia and the city of Forsyth, where they settled. It has been said, "They gave away more money than most people make." In 1929, just after her death, the citizens of Forsyth named their high school Mary Barry Persons High School in appreciation of the sons' interest in their schools and in honor of their mother.

Robert Turner and G. Ogden Persons also continued their family's relationship with Wesleyan. On May 24, 1945, a dedication ceremony was held to name Mary Barry Persons Hall. The brothers had made a substantial gift to honor their mother. At the dedication, Judge Persons said that it was their "privilege to add our gift to (Wesleyan's) endowment fund and perpetuate her memory."

Judge Persons was known to marvel at his mother's strength and accomplishments. "How on earth she managed it, I have never been able to understand, unless she had some of the same wizardry that enables my brother Robert to solve financial problems that are so bewildering to others," he often remarked. He concluded the dedication of Persons Hall by saying, "I often wonder what was the source of her courage and self reliance. She undoubtedly relied upon herself and why? I think it was because of her diploma; she had an education." He expressed his hopes that his mother's story would provide "for the inspiration of every student who comes here with the determination to get also this kind of solid education with which she was blessed."

Much like Mary Barry Persons, Stella Baker Hill was an independent, spirited lady. She graduated from Wesleyan in 1893 at 17 1/2 years of age. Her husband, Benjamin Franklin Hill, Jr., attended Mercer



and graduated as valedictorian, yet they did not meet until much later in her native Alapaha, Ga. (If asked where this small town was located, Stella would always respond "It's 10 miles from Glory" — a geographically accurate description with religious overtones).

When they first met, Benjamin was principal at Palmetta Academy, and Stella taught music. She was proud of her college education and she instilled the value of education in others. Many of her children and grandchildren went on to become scholars. "She loved to teach you things, and she made people curious," says Sue Hill, who was married to Stella's grandson, Dr. Joe Baker Hill, Jr.

Like Mary Barry Persons, Stella Baker Hill's husband died in 1918, after 23 years of marriage. She was left to raise five children. Times were not quite as difficult as those years following the

(Left) Mary Barry Persons, for whom Mary Barry Persons High School in Forsyth, Ga., and Wesleyan's Persons Residence Hall were named.

Civil War, however, and she managed to send all of her children to college.

Stella Hill lived as a widow for more than 50 years. She was known as "Mama Hill" by all of her extended family, including Anna Persons Hill, the wife of her son, Tharpe. She was an authoritative, witty matriarch and was also a practical joker. For example, she did not take kindly to salesmen who, not realizing that she was a widow, asked for 'the man of the house' and refused to talk to her. Apparently, she would tell them that they'd have to wait a little while, and she would leave them sitting for hours.

Stephen Hill Revard, Stella's great-grandson, also remembers she loved to tell people, "I belong only to the human race and the Methodist Church — and I'm having second thoughts about the Methodist Church!" Stella's nephew, Karl Hill, says, "She was the most independent



Anna Persons Hill (front row center) shown shortly before her college years.



person who ever existed. She was the greatest woman I ever knew." Stella Baker Hill died in 1964; family members still live in her home in Forsyth, Ga., filled with artwork from her travels around the world.

It is no wonder that Anna Persons Hill would choose to honor these two extraordinary women, her grandmother and her mother-in-law.

Karl Hill, describes Anna, his cousin by marriage, as "a gracious and lovely lady." He states that "family and friends, the church and Wesleyan were the three things dearest to her," upon making her will. However, most of her family had passed away, including her husband (they had no children). She had also contributed generously to the Forsyth United Methodist Church for many years, helping to rebuild after a fire and providing all of the funds for new landscaping.



*Anna Persons Hill willed \$5.6 million from her estate to Wesleyan, the college's largest single gift.*

Wesleyan will receive the majority of her estate within this calendar year. Decisions about how to allocate these scholarships are yet to be made, but will probably be based on both academic merit and financial need.

"We are very honored that Anna Persons Hill thought enough of her alma mater to bestow this generous gift," notes President Robert Ackerman. "The income from this bequest will enrich the lives of generations of women who seek an excellent education at Wesleyan."

Mary and Stella would be pleased.



*Robert Turner Persons (left), the father of Anna Hill, and his brother Judge G. Ogden Persons (right) at the dedication of Wesleyan's first-year residence hall.*



## CLASS OF 1925

Mary Bennett Cox Dunwody was honored by the Macon Arts Alliance at its third annual Cultural Awards Ceremony in October 1993. She received the Bronze Medallion, an award that recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the cultural life of Macon and Bibb County.

Katharine Harman of Unadilla, Ga., was honored at a 90th birthday celebration given by Susan McCaskill '92, Betsy McCaskill, and her daughter Carrell Cranswick. Fifty-two relatives attended the party, including three Wesleyan graduates: Anne Woodruff Carrell '60, Libba Harman Woodall '48, and Susan Wright McCaskill '92. The highlight of the party was blowing out all 90 candles on the cake with help from her great-grandniece and namesake Katherine McCaskill, who sat in Mrs. Harman's lap.

## CLASS OF 1926

Mary Allman Alford Young lives in Wyoming, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati near her seven grandsons, six great-grandsons, and three great-granddaughters. She keeps in touch with (Florence) Elizabeth Cawthon Stanback '25 (her roommate in Sitting Room I) and visits her regularly. She recently presented a personalized copy of Willie Snow Ethridge's '20 book "The Little Pig Who Stayed Home" to the Alumnae Association.

## CLASS OF 1928

Annie Mays Larmore of Decatur, Ga., writes of her continued interest in special programs held on the Wesleyan campus. Last summer she enjoyed a visit with Paula McMullan, who taught summer school computer courses for high school students at the college.

## CLASS OF 1931

Margaret Boyd Whitnel of Fulton, Ky., writes that she and Mary Banks Morcock '30 held their yearly reunion at Mary's home in Covington, Ga. "We had a great time talking about old Wesleyan days." Margaret keeps in touch with Marguerite Gunn Mendenhall '30 of Wilmington Del., and also visits with Helen Manry Lowe '31 of Edison Ga., every few years. Margaret keeps busy as vice-president of the hospital volunteers, teaches Sunday School, and is very active in the DAR.

## CLASS OF 1932

Clara Jackson Martin of Birmingham, Ala., reports that her son, Frank Martin, Jr., like his father, is an attorney and practices in Washington, D.C. Her daughter Ann is married to W.T. Goodloe Rutland, an attorney in Birmingham. Frank Jr.'s daughter, Jessica, is also an attorney, and is the sixth generation Martin lawyer in a direct line of descent. Clara's husband, Frank Jackson Martin died in April 1992 (see Sympathy to).

Eunice Partin Smith is living at Magnolia Manor in Americus, Ga. She reports that her granddaughter, Anne Lineberger of Bowie, Md., married J. Alan Campbell of Mooresville, N.C., on June 19, 1993.

## CLASS OF 1933

Margaret Murphey Martin and Ida Young Walker, both of Macon, spent the summer contacting Wesleyan classmates and compiling a memory book in honor of their 60th reunion last April. The book was sent out as an early Christmas present to classmates.

Virginia Perry Buckner of Daytona Beach, Fla., visited with her granddaughter Jennifer Buckner in London where Jennifer attends the Sotheby's School of Art. In August, Virginia participated in granddaughter Jill's wedding in Corinth, Miss., where she and all members of the wedding party dressed in period costumes of the 1860s. Also active in the DAR, Virginia attended a September DAR Fall Forum in Miami.

## CLASS OF 1934

In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Lillian Smith Book Awards, actress Eugenia Rawls (Seawell) of Denver and New York gave a reading of Ms. Smith's autobiographical piece "Memory of a Large Christmas." The celebration was presented by the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta in November. Miss Rawls was a lifelong friend of Lillian Smith and opened the dramatic version of Lillian Smith's play "Strange Fruit" in 1945. After the reading, Miss Rawls greeted Wesleyan guests Gena Franklin, Cathy Snow and Tena Roberts, and presented Tena Roberts

with the original script from "Strange Fruit," complete with margin notes. A letter from Lillian Smith to members of the original cast of the play was also presented for inclusion in the Eugenia Rawls collection, donated by the actress to the Wesleyan library.

In September, Julia Munroe Woodward of Quincy, Fla., was awarded the 4-Way Test Award by the Rotary Club of Quincy for her outstanding service to the community. She was cited also for her service to the Presbyterian Church since 1935, and for her involvement with the Girl Scouts. She is a Trustee Emeritus of Wesleyan College and has influenced many young women to attend the college over the years. "Miss Julia" was honored with a reception following the award presentation.

## CLASS OF 1937

Barbara Jones of Albany, Ga., hosted a coffee for Bob and May Ackerman and area alumnae at Porterfield United Methodist Church in September. The coffee was part of the Wesleyan on Tour program.

In November, Macon residents enjoyed reading The Macon Telegraph article on the Sewing Club that has met every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-5:30 for 55 years! The six members include four members of the Class of 1937: Cile Miller Coleman, Katherine Alfriend McNair, Margaret Mitchell Morgan, and Kathryn Moate Heard.

## CLASS OF 1938

Friends of Clare Philips Martin and her husband, Dr. S. Walter Martin, President of Emory University from 1957 to 1962 enjoyed an article in The Emory Advisor highlighting their years of leadership and service to community life. Today the Martins are involved in building a new retirement home for the United Methodist Church in Moultrie.

## CLASS OF 1939

Billie King Epps has moved back "home" to Bainbridge, Ga., after 53 years. She is looking forward to seeing friends at the reunion in April.

Last summer Ann Maria Domingos was honored for her 40 years of service as junior camp director for Vineville United Methodist Church in Macon. At



the conclusion of the camp session at Pine Mountain, she was presented with a book of letters from campers who have been influenced by her over the past 40 years. Ann Maria has also been appointed as the new chair of the administrative board of the church — the first woman to hold that position in 146 years!

Arline Taylor Slack of Atlanta, reports that she keeps up with Wesleyan through her daughter Ginny '73 and is delighted to hear news about the college. She and her husband Searcy enjoy traveling. They have found that Elderhostels are a great way to continue learning and meet new friends.

Mary Gardner Oliver, Decatur, Ala., continues to work as a pianist, church organist, and piano teacher. She also reviews concerts for the Decatur Daily.

#### **CLASS OF 1943**

Jane Shearouse Metts of Dublin, Ga., and Margaret Smith Carruth '42 hosted a coffee for May and Bob Ackerman and area alumnae in Jane's home in September. The coffee was part of the Wesleyan on Tour program.

#### **CLASS OF 1946**

Susan Lott Clark of Waycross, Ga., has compiled and published a book, "Southern Letters and Life in the Mid 1800's," based on 214 letters, the majority written during the Civil War, from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Ohio. Many of the letters were written by her great-grandfather. Susan has given a copy of her book to Wesleyan.

#### **CLASS OF 1947**

Dr. Peggy Derby Champlin, who resides in Los Angeles, Calif., is the author of a new book by the University of Alabama Press entitled "Raphael Pumpelly: Gentleman Geologist of the Gilded Age."

Jane Anne Mallet Settle of Jackson, Ga., writes news of classmate Kathryn Stiles Stribling of Habersham. "Katie" reports that "Georgia hills are alive with the music of a bell choir in which she enthusiastically participates." Katie's 104 year old mother-in-law Katharine Suddath Stribling '08, one of the oldest living Wesleyannes, lives next door.

Grace Thompson Crawford greatly enjoys her work as a writer. She recently

sold a story to The Macon Magazine about Dr. Ambrose Baber, the city's first doctor. Grace's great-grandmother, Ann Carlton and her sister, Mary, were early teachers at Wesleyan.

Betty Thompson, public relations director for the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries in New York, N.Y., was honored with the William B. Lippard Award for distinguished service in religious journalism. This award has only been given three other times since it was established in 1966. Betty has been with the organization since 1965.

#### **CLASS OF 1949**

A collection of Jeanette Morgan Bessels' paintings entitled "Travels in Watercolor" was shown at the Glynn Art Association on St. Simons Island, Ga., during August 1993. Ms. Bessels has retired to St. Simons Island and now teaches watercolor classes at the Glynn Art Association.

Margaret Duckworth Sewell of Atlanta, alumnae loyalty fund chair, accompanied Bob and May Ackerman on their September tour through Georgia and Florida. As part of the Wesleyan on Tour program, Margaret updated alumnae with the latest loyalty fund news.

Marian Lewis Gordon continues to teach private piano lessons in Macon. Her husband Royce is retired; they enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

Martha Groover Staples and Shirley Wise Richardson '63 hosted a September luncheon at Martha's home in Orlando, Fla. May and Bob Ackerman and area alumnae attended the event. The luncheon was part of the Wesleyan on Tour program.

#### **CLASS OF 1951**

Mary Ruth Lewis has returned to teaching at the University of Houston after a year-long sabbatical in London.

#### **CLASS OF 1952**

Patricia Murphy Persinger of Lookout Mountain, Tenn., reports that she is now the proud grandmother of a granddaughter. She also has five precious grandsons.

Nora Gordon Clarke of Forsyth, Ga., and her husband Chief Justice Harold Clarke of the Georgia Supreme Court will enjoy retirement after his term as Chief

Justice expires in March, 1994. Chief Justice Clarke has been on the Supreme Court of Georgia for the past 14 years.

#### **CLASS OF 1953**

Frances Van Horn, curator for the Wesleyan College Gallery, was featured in November in The Macon Telegraph. The article discussed the Wesleyan art collection which consists of more than 1,000 objects of art and includes paintings, sculptures and furniture. A color photo of the gallery and Francis enhanced the article which focused on her years of personal interest in and maintenance of the collection.

#### **CLASS OF 1955**

Gayle Attaway Findlay of New Canaan, Conn., represented Wesleyan at the Presidential Inauguration of George Rupp at Columbia University in New York City in September 1993.

Neva Langley Fickling of Macon, has been elected to the board of directors of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. Ms. Fickling was the first chairperson of Georgia Clean & Beautiful.

#### **CLASS OF 1956**

Trudy Wilson Topolosky of Bradenton, Fla., and her husband Mike visited with Arline Atkins Finch at Arline's North Carolina mountain top home last summer. It was a wonderful reunion after 17 years!

#### **CLASS OF 1957**

A dinner was held in September at the Lakeland Yacht and Country Club in Lakeland, Fla., for area alumnae and May and Bob Ackerman during their Wesleyan on Tour visit. Nancy Edenfield Sawyer was hostess for the event.

Jane Lowe Payne and her husband have been living in Hilton Head, S.C., for the past five years. Her husband retired from Alcoa after 38 years. They have a son, daughter, and a year old granddaughter, Emily.

#### **CLASS OF 1958**

Nancy Smith Schaefer, president of Family Concerns Inc., a non-profit organization that works with churches of all denominations to uphold and strengthen the family through education and pro-



family legislation, was a recent candidate for Mayor of the City of Atlanta.

### CLASS OF 1959

Manita Bond Dean of Athens, Ga., recently visited New York City for an opening at the Metropolitan Opera and stayed with her Wesleyan roommate, Pat Moy Ierley in Cedar Grove, N.J.

Helen Poole Fontseré is a medical editor/writer at Emory University School of Medicine. She and her husband will travel to Barcelona, Spain, her husband's birthplace, in the spring.

### CLASS OF 1961

Jeanette Loflin Lang has been appointed to the faculty and named Chair of the Music Department at Wesleyan. She is working with faculty and students to develop new avenues for music at Wesleyan.

Harriett Wilson Peak and Cornelia Shiver '25 were hostesses for a September luncheon at the Windsor Hotel in Americus, Ga. The event was part of the Wesleyan on Tour program. Wesleyan guests Bob and May Ackerman visited with area alumnae.

### CLASS OF 1962

During the summer of 1993, Jenny Jackson-Adams, pastor of Morningside United Methodist Church in Americus, Ga., was invited to preach and teach at three national convocations: Evangelism Leaders Academy in Orlando and in Harrisburg, Pa., and the National Evangelism Workshop in St. Louis. Rev. Jackson-Adams, an ordained member of the South Georgia Conference, also gave the keynote address for United Methodist Women's Day at First UMC, Houston, Texas, on March 20, 1993.

Playwright Sandra Deer was guest speaker at the November meeting of the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club held at Ansley Golf Club in Atlanta.

### CLASS OF 1963

"Jackie's Buddy" is the name of the newest horse at the Wesleyan College Equestrian Center. The registered thoroughbred is a gift from Elaine Evatt Crow and her husband Wade of Bennettsville, S.C. This is the second horse the Crows have given to Wesleyan.

RoxAnna Arrington Sway is principal of R. Sway Associates, a Rochester, N.Y., based company providing strategic marketing consultation and complete design services for the retail environment. Her work takes her to such exotic locations as Indonesia where she works with large retail corporations exposing them to up-to-date Western business techniques.

In September, Diane A. Lumpkin of Atlanta, was the featured guest speaker for Networking for Women in Business' 1993 Annual Seminar held at the Radisson Hotel in Macon. Her topic was "Women in the Workplace—Changing Careers."

A dinner at the Chez Pierre Restaurant in Tallahassee, Fla., was held in September for area alumnae and Bob and May Ackerman. The event was part of the Wesleyan on Tour program. Virginia Barber Perkins was hostess for the event.

In September, Judy Woodward Gregory and her mother Julia Munroe Woodward '34 hosted a luncheon for Bob and May Ackerman at the Quincy Garden Center in Quincy, Fla., as a part of the Wesleyan on Tour program.

Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer was a featured speaker at the Fifth Annual Entrepreneurship Seminar held at Wesleyan in November. Lynda is presently involved in a new business venture and is President of Cedar Haven, Inc., a holding company in Nevada that is developing a wildlife sanctuary in Idaho.

### CLASS OF 1964

Lou Beller was a featured speaker at the Fifth Annual Entrepreneurship Seminar held at Wesleyan in November. Lou is the founder and one of three principal partners in Alon Miller Associates, an international data processing/management consulting firm in New York.

### CLASS OF 1965

Mindy Bhullar Sandhu, her husband Satpal, and son Tanvir have left Nairobi, Kenya, and have settled in Fresno, Calif.

### CLASS OF 1966

Virginia Harshbarger Lamback has taught English as a Second Language for 17 years at Fort Monmouth, N.J. She also teaches at nearby Monmouth College. She and husband Sam will be returning to Macon and to the South Georgia

Conference of the United Methodist Church in June 1994. Daughter Christy, a May '93 graduate of Emory University, was married in November. Son Mark is presently a junior at Emory.

In September, Petal Gibbons Montis and Carol Brooks Dickey '77 were hostesses for a luncheon at The Olde Pink House in Savannah, Ga. May and Bob Ackerman attended the event, and visited with area alumnae as part of the Wesleyan on Tour program.

### CLASS OF 1967

Congratulations to Elizabeth Heard Mallonee of Fort Pierce, Fla., who received her M.Ed. from Florida Atlantic University in August 1993.

Alexis Xides Bighley and Helen Harwell Smith were featured speakers at the Fifth Annual Entrepreneurship Seminar held at Wesleyan in November. Alexis is the Chief Executive and Financial Officer of Gift Creations Concepts in New Brighton, Minn., and serves on the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan. Helen is Program Operations Chief for the Child Care Division of the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C.

### CLASS OF 1968

Cheryl Maund Page of Cleveland, Ga., represented Wesleyan at the Presidential Inauguration of Dr. Delmas J. Allen at North Georgia College on October 6, 1993.

Ellen Beard Martin of Greenville, S.C., is a floral designer with an interest in church music. She directs the children's choir and has started playing cello again in an orchestra. She and her husband have two children, Page and Louis; they are the host family for a Brazilian exchange student this year.

Kay Hafner Agnew teaches senior English and coaches cross-country and track at Pacelli High School in Columbus, Ga.

Betty Smith Hipps is currently an elementary principal in Columbus, Ga. She received her Ed.D. from Auburn University in December 1990. She presented papers at American Educational Research Association and at Mid-South Educational Research in 1991 and 1992.



Betty has two sons, ages 18 and 16.

Jenny Crapps Johnson teaches English in Live Oak, Fla. She has a son Will, 14, and a daughter Virginia, 16.

Lash Lawton Woodcock, a former court reporter, is currently the office manager for husband Tom's dental office in Macon. Her daughter Hayes is 15 and enjoys being a "teenager."

Marsha Fernald Sichveland of Stone Mountain, Ga., owns a landscaping business and designs and installs gardens, ponds, and other landscaping features. She and husband Dan have two children, Joy and Todd.

Patty Pearce Cardin of Columbus, Ga., is the Director of Programs at St. Luke United Methodist Church. She is currently working on her master's degree in administration. She and her husband have two children, Allison and Colby.

Marjorie Welch Green of York, Pa., is Director of Music at Yorkshire United Methodist Church. She and husband Tom (a mechanical engineer) have one daughter Debbie.

Janet Robinson Flanagan of Franklin, Tenn., is a professional alto soloist for a local church. She also owns a catering business.

Washington, D.C. resident, Leila Kight, has written a book for jobhunters, "Getting the Low-down on Employers and a Leg-up on the Job Market." She was awarded the Meritorious Award for excellence in competitive intelligence by the Society for Competitive Intelligence Professionals in 1992. SCIP is an international association; Meritorious Award is its highest honor.

Peggy Ray Sichveland and husband Duane live in Norcross, Ga., where he runs the Sonny's Bar-B-Q Restaurant franchise. They have two daughters: Shelly, a graduate student at the University of North Carolina, and Ashley, a sophomore at the University of Georgia.

Liz Reith Wyman and her younger daughter Katie are currently back in Atlanta where Katie is attending the same high school that her mother attended. Liz is working in real estate with a ReMac office. Her older daughter Jennifer is 23.

## CLASS OF 1969

Louisa Abney-Babcock of Perkiomenville, Pa., completed her master's degree from Pennsylvania State

University in 1991, and is continuing her teaching career. She has also been recognized for her interest in women's history and women's issues.

## CLASS OF 1970

Linda Kinard Miller hosted a party for Wesleyan alumnae at her home in Valdosta, Ga. May and Bob Ackerman attended the event which was part of the Wesleyan on Tour program. Jeanne Nabell Respass '67 and Sally Shingler Kurrie '70 assisted Linda as hostesses for the party.

Ann Scott Terry received the Rock Hill Business and Professional Women's Career Woman of the Year Award for 1993. The award was based on Ann's civic and business involvement in Rock Hill, S.C.

Bob and May Ackerman visited with Gainesville, Fla., area alumnae at a luncheon hosted by Suzanne Harris Sawyer at the Gainesville Golf and Country Club in September. The event was part of the Wesleyan On Tour program.

## CLASS OF 1971

Lynn Bensel Jones and her husband Rob have recently moved from Yaunde Dos, Cameroon, to Casablanca, Morocco.

Salina "Sam" Metts Harkleroad hosted a September party at her home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., for Jacksonville area alumnae and May and Bob Ackerman. The party was part of the Wesleyan on Tour program.

## CLASS OF 1972

Linda Mills Sankey of St. Mary's, Ga., received an Ed.D. from Nova University in June 1993. She is currently the Director of Special Education of Camden County Schools.

Marianne Graeme Fortuna of Atlanta, was a featured speaker at the Fifth Annual Entrepreneurship Seminar at Wesleyan in November. Marianne is an international liaison to Denmark and England for Bell South Enterprises, as well as a comptroller responsible for Bell South Mobile Data's worldwide financial implementations.

## CLASS OF 1973

Susan Arnold of Hawkinsville, Ga., has been named director of the Wilcox County Mental Retardation Center.

## CLASS OF 1974

Katherine Owens Slade of Lilburn, Ga., writes of the loss of her grandmother Gladys Stone Bowen '15 in February 1993. Mrs. Bowen's great, great grandmother was Adeline Brewer Corbin (class of 1841), the sister of Catherine Brewer Benson, (class of 1840) the first graduate of Wesleyan College. Mrs. Bowen's mother, Adeline Corbin Stone (class of 1890) and her daughter and Katherine Slade's mother, Adelaide Bowen Owens '46 are also alumnae. That makes Katherine the great, great, great, great niece of Catherine Brewer Benson!

## CLASS OF 1975

Mimi Morris Shipman was named Bibb County Teacher of the Year for 1993. She teaches at Taylor Elementary School in Macon.

Cynthia Wright is the executive counsel to Gov. Zell Miller and the highest-ranking woman in his administration. Before joining Miller's staff, she worked as assistant counsel to Gov. George Busbee and had a private practice of her own.

Tina Farkas Williams of Tallahassee, Fla., founder and executive director of Young Actors Theatre, was the subject of a feature article in The Tallahassee Democrat. Young Actors was established in 1975 and recently received a grant from the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs for building renovation and expansion. The theatre is truly a family affair with Tina, mother Betty Anderson Farkas '42, husband John, and daughter Elizabeth Hollingsworth nearly always in the audience, behind the stage, or at the theatre front door.

Sally Johnson Jackson, husband Kurt, and their family of five children are missionaries. They have lived in Guatemala for seven years. Sally, daughter Tamalyn, and Sally's mother, Betty Jones Johnson '50 visited Wesleyan on a campus visitation day for prospective students in December 1993. Sally hopes Tamalyn will attend Wesleyan.

Amelia Anne Alderman was a featured speaker at the Fifth Annual Entrepreneurship Seminar held at Wesleyan in November. Amelia Anne is a psychiatrist in private practice in Macon and Warner Robins with special interest in addiction medicine and family therapy.



## CLASS OF 1976

Eugenia Posey is in medical school studying to be a biochemist specializing in DNA.

Jennifer Gatliff Watson and husband Walt are commanders in the Navy and are currently stationed in the San Francisco Bay area. Working in various logistics jobs, they expect to retire to their farm near Louisville, Ga., within the next two years.

Carrie Anne Parks-Kirby is an associate professor of art at Alma College, Alma, Mich., where she has taught sculpture, ceramics, and drawing since 1982. She is the recipient of the 1993-94 Arts Midwest/NEA Regional Visual Arts Fellowship in Crafts. She will use this grant to view and photograph architectural tile-work in Italy and England in June, 1994.

## CLASS OF 1978

Janet L. Keys of Birmingham, Ala., teaches at Samford University. She gave her students a full update on Wesleyan after she returned from her 15th reunion!

## CLASS OF 1979

Keiko Niki Doi from Kita-Ko, Tokyo, Japan, writes that she celebrated her fourth wedding anniversary. The arrival of her first baby was expected in early January 1994.

Natalie Anderson Rauch is presently living in Vicenza, Italy, where her husband Harry is a chaplain with the U.S. Army. They are enjoying their tour of Europe.

Jackie Webb Duncan of Lithonia, Ga., is teaching again. Her daughter Jessica, now in the seventh grade, is very involved in music.

## CLASS OF 1980

Jewell Hall Ray Penland of Macon, was honored by her family and friends at a 90th birthday celebration in October. A Wesleyan graduate at the age of 76, she also received her M.Ed. from Mercer University. Cathy Coxey Snow, '71 alumnae director, joined Jewell and her family for her birthday celebration.

## CLASS OF 1981

Stephanie Parker is now a partner in the law firm of King and Spalding in Atlanta.

## CLASS OF 1982

Jennifer Willis Payne of Carrollton,

Ga., is Director of Admissions for West Georgia College. She writes that her career in college admissions "has proven to be extremely challenging and rewarding."

## CLASS OF 1983

Rhonda Hinson teaches piano in the Brenau University preparatory department and elementary music in the Hall County School System. She currently plays in a piano trio in Gainesville, Ga., and sees alumna Lucy Ann Fisackerly Adams '80 occasionally.

Page Clements has joined The Metropolitan Playhouse, a professional theatrical company in NYC. She is also a new member of the faculty in the voice and speech department at The American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

## CLASS OF 1984

Radie Lynn Krueger Roe has moved to Grand Island, Neb., where she is Director of Human Resource Services. She has a 7-year-old son, Travis.

Jo Klein Duke still keeps in touch with Wesleyan friends Patricia Sterling '84, Linda Taylor Harper '84, Trish Ellis Schrock '83 and even visited with Peggy Watt Goodnow '83 this past year. She and husband Andy and 3 1/2 year-old son Tad live in Arlington, Va. She regrets not being able to attend Alumnae Weekend 1994 as she is expecting her second child that week.

## CLASS OF 1985

Sara King Pilger earned her Master of Communication degree from Georgia State in December 1992. She is enjoying her job as a media relations manager at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta. She and her husband have three sons (see Births).

## CLASS OF 1986

Dana L. Grinstead was a featured speaker at the Fifth Annual Entrepreneurship Seminar at Wesleyan in November. Dana recently formed a computer design firm, Keystone Solutions in Huntsville, Ala. She has gained recognition through her work and from her contributions to graph theory. Dana received her Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

## CLASS OF 1987

Lisa Shivelor of Brooksville, Fla., writes that she is now a counselor with the local Rape Crisis-Spouse Abuse Center and is continuing her Master of Counseling studies at the University of South Florida. She stays busy as vice-president of the Junior Service League and president of her high school alumnae association.

Donna Waites Terrell of Macon, was recently promoted to Trust Officer at Trust Company Bank after receiving her MBA from the University of Georgia.

## CLASS OF 1989

Kristin Claus is living in Jacksonville, Fla., and works as a senior programming analyst at Computer Power.

Tyrene House Neil of Warner Robins, Ga., is working on her master's in Special Education. She currently works with the elderly who have special needs, and plans to return to the public school system soon.

## CLASS OF 1990

Amanda Harris is living in Baltimore, Md., and is working as an out-patient dialysis social worker at Bon Secours Hospital.

Stephanie Glaser Fowler of Macon, received her M.Ed. in June 1993. Congratulations!

Virginia Bowman Wilcox received her M.Ed. from Auburn University in August 1993. Virginia has taught for four years at Dexter Elementary School in Fort Benning, Ga., where her classes have won numerous computer awards, including the Apple Hypercard Scholar Award. She is also a consultant with the East Alabama Regional Inservice, where she conducts math workshops.

## CLASS OF 1991

Jeanmarie Desmond White received her master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas in May 1993. She is a technical support specialist at Lotus Development Corporation in Austin, Texas.

Jackie Miller received her M.A.T. in mathematics from Memphis State University in August 1993. She is presently an instructional systems developer at Continental Dynamics, Inc., in Virginia Beach, Va. She works on a variety of contracts developing different computer-aided lessons for training purposes.



**CLASS OF 1992**

Dr. Sylvia Ross was named Professor Emerita of Music by the Board of Trustees at its May 1993 meeting. This commendation honored her retirement, after serving on the Wesleyan faculty for 33 years. Dr. Ross will continue her ministry as Director of Music at Vineville United Methodist Church and as a volunteer throughout the Macon community.

Jennifer Johnson was a summer intern at Independent Presbyterian Church. She is currently a student at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

**CLASS OF 1993**

Jill Kosobucki is a medical student at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

Ruth Powell is a business project analyst for Total Systems in Columbus, Ga.

Cheryl Anderson is the administrative assistant for Wesleyan College Center for the Arts and MidSummer Macon at Wesleyan.

Melanie Filson Lewis is an auditor at Nations Bank in Atlanta. Melanie completed an internship at Oakridge in the fall of 1992, and the data that she gathered and analyzed has been published as part of a larger report.

Felisa Hicks is a student in the medical technology program at Columbus College in Columbus, Ga.

Melissa Bell has begun her theatrical career as a professional stage management apprentice at the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta. After her apprenticeship at the Alliance, Melissa hopes to teach speech, drama, and English.

**DECEASED AS OF  
DECEMBER 30, 1993****Class of 1915**

Gladys Stone Bowen  
Eleanor Atkinson Stillwell

**Class of 1918**

Annie Taylor

**Class of 1920**

Gladys Stewart Duncan  
Lucile Mallary Sparks

**Class of 1921**

Louise Withington Fox

**Class of 1922**

Louise Wilson Ambrose  
Lucile Burnett Bazemore

**Class of 1923**

Hazel Fulghum Akers  
Rebekah Oliphant Anthony  
Ann Mercer Delorey  
Anna Persons Hill  
Abigail Graves Randolph  
Mildred Taylor Stevens

**Class of 1924**

Matibel Turner Dennard  
Kathleen Davidson Borne  
Carolyn White Izlar

**Class of 1925**

Matthylde Wilson Clifton  
Mattie Lee Tomlinson Hodges  
Martha DeLay Kennedy  
Virginia A Knott

**Class of 1926**

Mamie Harmon  
Naomi Smith Hodges  
Helen Perdue

**Class of 1927**

Marilu Smith Edwards  
Dorothy Jones Truslow  
Katherine Catchings Ware

**Class of 1928**

Mildred Harrison Castlen  
Ellen Clay Culpepper Doughtie

**Class of 1929**

Josephine Bedingfield Abney  
Jeannetta Harrison  
Sarah McCree Joiner  
Doris Battle Jones  
Mabel Chastain Linn  
Willie Ethel Robertson Mountney  
Mattie Will Cleveland Stovall  
Harriet Wright Sutton

**Class of 1931**

Mary Elizabeth Duman Ponder  
Rachel Johnson Ross

**Class of 1932**

Martha McCaw Almand  
Olivia Dubberly Hughes  
Lula Calhoun Vinson

**Class of 1933**

Sue Walker Bailie Helm  
Frances Harris Pittman  
Bernice Sikes

**Class of 1934**

Mary Porter Jackson Finley  
Sarah E. Jordan Price

**Class of 1936**

Caroline McCarley Roberts

**Class of 1937**

Mary Julia Denton

**Class of 1941**

Helen Bloodworth  
Isabel Rutherford

**Class of 1942**

Virginia Powell Ferrell

**Class of 1943**

Nell Tucker Popper

**Class of 1945**

Annette Rumph Peery

**Class of 1946**

Anne Hoyt Jolley  
Anne Robertson  
Tracy Horton Tanis

**Class of 1947**

Nancy Feindel

**Class of 1948**

Elizabeth Walker Grimsley  
James McNatt  
Margaret Helen Gallant Sullivan

**Class of 1949**

Julia Pennington Willett

**Class of 1950**

Betty Hobgood Doss

**Class of 1953**

Margaret Wingo Carraway  
Velma Cooper Knapp  
Mary Tidwell Williams

**Class of 1958**

Susan Conner Jones

**Class of 1961**

Joyce Veal Christie



**Class of 1967**

Virginia Anne Everton Reinhardt

**Class of 1969**

Sandra Owens Bearden

Sharon Simpson Boardman

**LOST ALUMNAE**

Sara Bunkley Dunn '11

Adelle Dennis Dickey '18

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Beatrice Chandler Dick '28

Betty Bragg Sturdivant '28

Rebecca Davis Moss '29

Carolyn Kellet Steinhauer '30

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Montene Melson Mason '45

Bernice Goode Scott '46

Ruth Jones Garzia '47

June Veendall Miller '49

Joy Johnson Kopp '51

Mary Anne Meadows Harvey '53

Lee Brenaman Williams '59

Leah Tamplin Leigh '60

Jean Cain Gaddis '61

Deryl Howington Amoss '64

Carolyn Ilene Earl Bissell '68

Mary Lois Wheeler Brummitt '68

Bennetta Mallory James '68

Ann Bryant Petty '72

Andrea Tissier Risher '73

Elizabeth Brown Davis '75

Barbara Tjia Huang '75

Lucy Mierzejewski Kaufman '75

Marie Harden Westmoreland '75

Teresa Wheeler '76

Linda Halouska '78

Elizabeth Moore '80

Kelly Russell '80

Evelyn (Lynn) Huber-Read '82

Carswell Hannon Petersen '84

Deborah Puckett Koenig '85

Karol Cheng '87

Cynthia Kay Foskey '87

Geovette Washington '89

Karin Luise Fulford Jones '92

Mary McDaniel Hurst '31 of Lithonia, Ga., on the death of her son-in-law, Pelham Simmons of Columbia, S.C., in July 1993.

Clara Jackson Martin '32 of Gadsden, Ala., on the death of her husband, Frank Jackson Martin on April 30, 1992.

Frances Knott Smith '32 of Burlington, N.C., on the death of her sister, Virginia Knott '25 of Dalton, Ga., in July 1993.

Orville Culpepper Turner '32 of Griffin, Ga., on the death of her sister, Clay Culpepper Doughtie '28 of Atlantic Beach, Fla., in April 1993.

Mary Lyles Aiken Knox '34 of Thomson, Ga., on the death of her husband, Peter S. Knox Jr., on May 27, 1993.

Margaret Odom Rader '37 and Jane Odom Huckabee '44 of Macon on the death of their brother, Edwin Odom of Macon on September 21, 1993.

Edwina Pinckney Johnston Bush '40 of Warner Robins, Ga., on the death of her sister, Mary Katherine Johnston Blanton of Macon on August 22, 1993.

Sarah Glover Osgood '44 of Jacksonville, Fla., on the death of her aunt Martha DeLay Kennedy '25 of Atlanta in September 1993.

Irene Pound Peden '44 of Sparta, Ga., on the death of her husband, O.M. Peden, Jr., in September 1993.

Dorothy Anne Roth '44 of Waleska, Ga., and Jean Pim Kinsman '46 of Monticello, Ga., on the death of Dorothy Anne's brother-in-law and Jean's husband, Walter Clark Kinsman on December 3, 1993.

Mildred Bovaird '44 of Atlanta on the death of her mother, Monena H. Avery on December 13, 1993.

Dorothy Belle Barge Eros '46 of Atlanta on the death of her mother, Belle Bowden Kelly Barge of Atlanta on October 16, 1993.

Adelaide Bowen Owens '46 of Atlanta and Katherine Bowen Slade '74 of Lilburn, Ga., on the death of Adelaide's mother and Katherine's grandmother, Gladys Stone Bowen '15 in February 1993.

Anne Halley Marshall '47 of Reynolds, Ga., on the death of her husband, C.E. Marshall in September 1993.

Lucile Shi Hanson '49 of Macon on the death of her husband, John Wesley Hanson on November 20, 1993.

Faith Munford Price '49 of Houston, Texas, on the death of her brother, Dillard Munford on September 15, 1993.

Betty Smith Moore '50 of Ft. Valley, Ga., on the death of her mother, Myrtle McCrimmon Smith on November 6, 1993.

Harriet Adams Newton '51 of Macon on the death of her sister, Elizabeth Adams Stringfellow of Macon in September 1993.

Ann Hawkins Brosnan '52 of Ashville, N.C. on the death of her son, William D. Brosman in October 1993.

Delma Findlay Watson '52 of Macon and Gayle Attaway Findlay '55 of New Canaan, Conn., on the death of Delma's brother and Gayle's brother-in-law, Prentiss Edwards Findlay, Jr., of Macon, on October 7, 1993.

Betty Upchurch Hasty '55, Elizabeth Upchurch Hasty Sutton '86 of Maxton, N.C. and Flora Anne Hasty McCook '82 of Laurinburg, N.C. on the death of Betty's father and Elizabeth's and Flora Anne's grandfather, Thomas Benton Upchurch of Raeford, N.C. on July 31, 1993.

Nancy Edenfield Sawyer '57 of Lakeland, Fla., on the death of her mother, Betty Edenfield in August 1993.

Kitty Vinson Pullen '59 of Byron, Ga., on the death of her mother Lula Calhoun Vinson '32 of Warner Robins, Ga., on August 5, 1993.

Andrea Zunzer Somers '60 of Atlanta

**THE WESLEYAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO:**

Rosalyn Kuhr Elkan '28 of Macon on the death of her husband, Stanley A. Elkan on January 2, 1994.



on the death of her mother, Helen Zunzer of Marietta, Ga., on August 11, 1993.

Renate Butler Ryan '63 of Miami, Fla., on the death of her husband, Hal Ryan in the fall of 93.

Frances Strickland Kemp '64 of Mount Dora, Fla., on the death of her father, Meade Rupert Strickland on October 5, 1993.

Pam Watkins Young '64 of Macon on the death of her father, Richard Noble Watkins of Columbus, Ga., in September 1993.

Katherine Williams Robinson '66 of Columbia, S.C., on the death of her husband, William Robinson in July 1993.

Angela Veal Carrington '70 of Atlanta on the death of her sister, Joyce Veal Christie '61 of Columbus, Ga., on September 3, 1993.

Gena Roberts Franklin '71 of Macon on the death of her grandmother, Minnie Dykes Handley of Macon on November 22, 1993.

Rebecca Plant Dees '79 of Southaven, Miss., and Rachel Plant Hubbs '79 of Tallahassee, Fla., on the death of Rebecca's husband and Rachel's brother-in-law, Keith Dees in September 1993.

Carla Asbell '87 and Brandy Allen Johnson '92 of Macon on death of Carla's mother and Brandy's grandmother, Ethel Asbell of Macon on November 30, 1993.

### **THE WESLEYAN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Julia Munroe Woodward '34 of Quincy, Fla., on the birth of her great grandson, Fred Carpenter Woodward in May 1993.

Betty Smith Moore '50 of Fort Valley, Ga. on the birth of her granddaughter, Sarah Chandler White, on April 8, 1993. Mary Elisabeth White, Sarah's sister was two on March 9.

Jean Malone Seegmueller '54 on the birth of her grandson, Tyler Malone

Seegmueller, on July 21, 1993.

Jennifer Gatliff Watson '76 and Walt on the birth of a son, Aaron Daniel, on September 22, 1993. They have an older son, James.

Natalie Anderson Rauch '79 and Harry on the birth of a daughter, Bonnie Blue, on July 18, 1992.

Lisa Cannington Burnette '80 and Dan on the birth of a daughter, Abby, on February 15, 1993.

Jennifer Willis Payne '82 and Weldon on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, on May 15, 1993.

Lili Huskey Trudeau '82 and David on the birth of a daughter, Emily Marie, on January 4, 1992.

Sara King Pilger '85 and John on the birth of a son, Nicholas Adam on February 7, 1993. They have two older sons.

Andrea Day Purvis '85 and Russ on the birth of a daughter, Grace Anne, on June 29, 1993. They have an older daughter, Lillian.

Tyrene House Neil '89 and Brian on the birth of a daughter, Teryn, on May 8, 1992.

Christy Powell Garner '90 and Darren on the birth of a son on September 27, 1993. Grandparents are Sylvia Anderson Powell and Bill Powell both of the class of 1959.

Juli Jordan Lester '91 and Sam on the birth of a son, Sam Marshall Lester III, on November 14, 1993.

Trustee Abby C. Irby and husband John have a new daughter — Virginia Bradley Irby, born March 10, 1994. Virginia Bradley is also the granddaughter of trustee Lovick Corn and alumna Betty Turner Corn '47. To our knowledge this is the first child born to an active trustee.

### **THE WESLEYAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Jo Duke '84 and Andrew Steven Klein on their marriage on April 16, 1993. The couple live in Arlington, Va.

Bernice Issac '87 and Russell Shinker on their marriage on September 5, 1993. The couple will live in Dunwoody, Ga.

Lori Reese '90 and Chris Brown on their marriage on August 21, 1993. They will live in Greenville, S.C.

Jacqueline Claire Hightower '90 and Thomas James Evans on their marriage on May 1, 1993. They will live in Roswell, Ga.

Vanessa Allred '90 and Captain Eric Miller on their marriage on January 15, 1994, in Atlanta.

Stephanie Glaser '90 and Benjie Fowler on their marriage on August 6, 1993. They will live in Macon.

Mary Pauline Raines '91 and Ronald Paul Polverari, Jr. on their marriage on August 21, 1993. They will live in Macon.

Jeanmarie Desmond '91 and David L. White on their marriage on November 13, 1993. They will live in Austin, Texas.

Jennifer Carolyn Smith '91 and Luke Anthony Johnson on their marriage on July 31, 1993. They will live in Temple, Ariz.

Kimberley Faith Benton '92 and Rafael Pinzon on their marriage on August 21, 1993. They will live in Dunwoody, Ga.

Emily Elizabeth Adams '93 and Michael David Flock on their marriage on October 16, 1993.

Mary Catherine White '93 and Terry McCullough on their marriage on June 19, 1993, in Kissimmee, Fla.

Stephanie Suzanne Pearce '93 and Thomas Earl Tucker, Jr., on their marriage on October 9, 1993.

Cynthon Dawn Weber '93 on her marriage to Robert (Bob) Lamar Snow, on February 26, 1994, in Macon.



# MATHEWS FAMILY GIFT

## *Will Be Used To Fund New Athletic Complex*

*By Linda Burnette*



*Mary Ann Mathews Pease*

The Mathews family has a long history of ties and service to Wesleyan College, dating from the late 1800s to present day. The family's most recent involvement with the college has been the establishment of a trust of \$1.5 million by Mr. and Mrs. George Mathews, Jr., honoring his sister, Mary Ann Mathews Pease '44. The gift will be used to fund a new athletic complex on campus, the Mathews Athletic Center.

The complex will be built in stages

over the next few years. Though plans are not completed, it is likely that the complex will include a soccer field, a softball field, six tennis courts, a field-house with team rooms and offices and possibly a 25 meter outdoor pool and track around the soccer field. The complex will be located beyond the equestrian center, where it would be accessible from the drive behind Foster Lake and from Forsyth Road.

Pease and her mother, the late Weeta Watts Mathews '19, are both recipients

of Distinguished Alumnae Awards in 1984 and 1953, respectively, and have been very active in their alumnae clubs, as well. Annie MacDonnell Mathews, grandmother of Pease, graduated from Wesleyan in 1880.

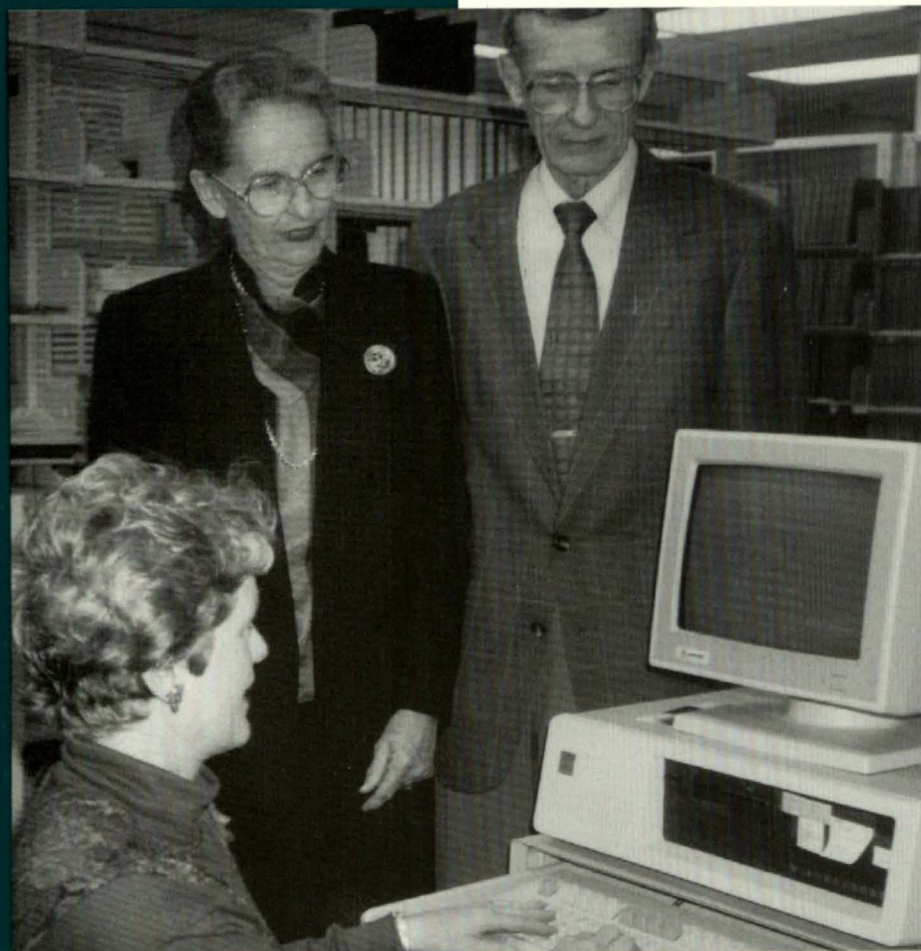
Mr. Mathews, chairman and CEO of Internet Corporation, said of his sister, "Mary Ann is an extremely gifted person and has always provided her community, her associates, her friends and her family with a most wonderful inspiration. She has always possessed unique abilities in human relations and in leadership."

Pease was Director of Volunteer Services at the Columbus Medical Center Hospital in Columbus, Ga., for 23 years. In 1962, she was asked to organize the auxiliary of the Medical Center Hospital, where she was the first director of volunteers. Her talents and enthusiasm led the auxiliary "to heights of patient service and financial support almost undreamed of." So wrote Ten Gracious Ladies of Georgia in 1980. Having learned service to others early from the community involvement of her own parents, she was an inspiration for many to give of themselves to the ill and less fortunate. The Auxiliary expressed their appreciation in 1981 by presenting \$120,000 to the hospital in her honor.

Pease has been active in many other volunteer efforts with the Columbus Junior League, Girl Scouts, and the Women of the Church Auxiliary. She



tronic mail. From student rooms and faculty offices, the Wesleyan community will be able to communicate with anyone in the world who has access to Internet; currently, 25 million people worldwide are connected to Internet." All Wesleyan campus buildings will be connected by the end of the semester. Training and software dissemination are currently underway. The network, WesNet, should be fully operational by fall 1994, according to Hamon. He adds, "We want to offer our students



*Martha and Jim Staples provided funds for the first stage of library automation and for networking the campus.*

the very best learning and living environment possible. We believe that connecting them to the rest of the world will make this a reality."

Campus networking will be made possible in part by a gift from alumna Martha Groover Staples '49 and her husband, trustee Jim Staples.

Campus networking includes computerization of the college library, as well, and Wesleyan is currently in the initial stages of library automation. Funding for this first stage of library automation is provided by the Staples, the John and Mary Franklin

Foundation and the Tull Charitable Foundation.

Loyalty to Wesleyan played an important role in the Staples' decision to lead the way in support of library computerization, a project that combines specific interests of both Mr. and Mrs. Staples. Mrs. Staples' background is in library science. She graduated with an English degree from Wesleyan and a master's degree in library science from the University of South Florida. She spent a number of years as a librarian with the Orange County Library System in Orlando, Fla. Mr. Staples is a certified data processor, recently retired from Martin-Marietta Data Systems, where he held a management position.

The first step toward complete library automation is automation of the card catalog, the most comprehensive and time consuming step in the process, involving a complete inventory of the 133,000 titles. The next step is to enter basic data from the card catalog onto software. Currently, 7,000 of the 133,000 records have been converted to Machine Readable Cataloging (MARC) records.

Two of the most helpful aspects of total automation are time saving and tracking conveniences. For example, from a circulation aspect, users will be able to learn the status of a title — whether it is in house or on loan and when it is due back. The automated system will also allow for key word searches versus the current specific term searches. From an acquisitions aspect, a new title will immediately appear in the catalog upon ordering. Those needing serial titles will be able to find out the latest issue received and when the next issue will arrive.

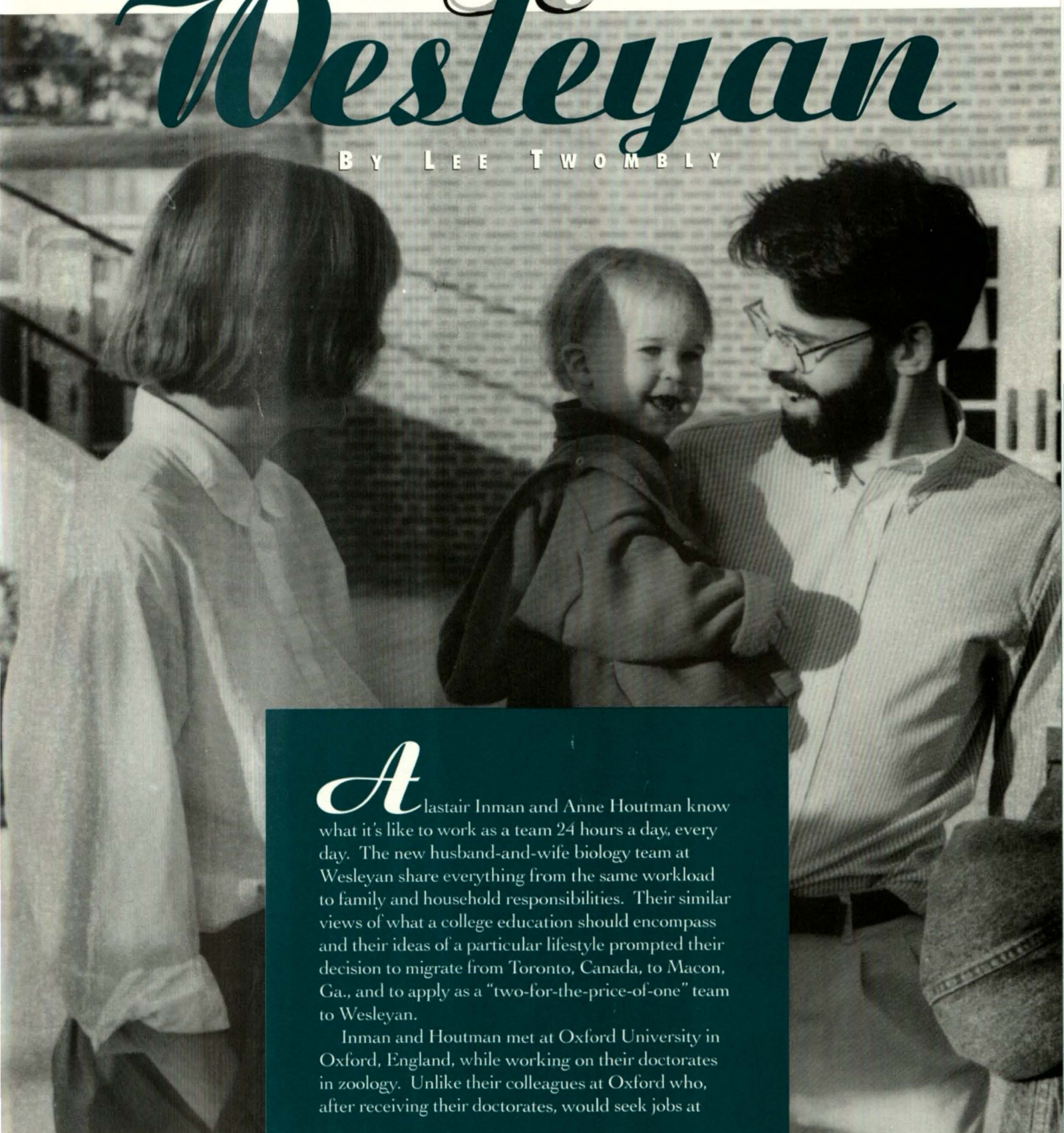
Betty Shewfelt, associate librarian and head of technical services, adds that, "Automation will make the catalog a communicating device. Once automation is completed, we want to connect to the campus network. Then students will be able to conduct library catalog searches from their own rooms, and faculty and staff will be able to conduct searches from their offices."



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# To Wesleyan

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*A*lastair Inman and Anne Houtman know what it's like to work as a team 24 hours a day, every day. The new husband-and-wife biology team at Wesleyan share everything from the same workload to family and household responsibilities. Their similar views of what a college education should encompass and their ideas of a particular lifestyle prompted their decision to migrate from Toronto, Canada, to Macon, Ga., and to apply as a "two-for-the-price-of-one" team to Wesleyan.

Inman and Houtman met at Oxford University in Oxford, England, while working on their doctorates in zoology. Unlike their colleagues at Oxford who, after receiving their doctorates, would seek jobs at



large universities that would allow them to do more research and less teaching, Inman and Houtman would make the innovative decision to apply as a team to a small liberal arts college. As opposed to having two salaries and a full teaching load for each professor, both opted to split one salary and teach half of what would normally be expected.

Before making this decision, they were forced to analyze their motivations. However, both were confident they would make the best decision for their career and family. As Inman explained, "Over my whole academic career, teaching has been very important; I didn't want to do teaching without research and didn't want to do research to the exclusion of a family life." Carole Brown, dean of the college, indicates that their sharing a position strengthens the biology department because a fourth perspective is added to what is normally a three person department.

college in the country, located in Claremont, Calif. Having received her bachelor's degree in anthropology, a master's degree in anthropology from UCLA, and finally, a doctorate in zoology, Houtman is extremely interested in increasing women's interests in the sciences and encouraging women into research and graduate school. She believes, as statistics have shown, that women who graduate from women's colleges are more likely to go to graduate school.

Once Inman and Houtman had solidified their decision to teach as a team at a small liberal arts college, they began their job search. They applied to colleges all over North America. However, it was Wesleyan that attracted their interest. Not only is Wesleyan a small liberal arts college for women, but it also is located in the South. This was a plus after living in Toronto - especially for Houtman since the mild weather

reminds her of her native Hawaii.

Though they share the same position at Wesleyan, each teaches his and her own courses. One of the main reasons for working as a team was to split the course load in order to have time for research. While a professor normally would have a course load of four classes, Inman and Houtman each have only two courses, allowing them time for their own research projects. When Inman is teaching his physiology class, Houtman is free to work on her research of human reproductive behavior. One advantage to their working together is that they consult each other about projects and ask for advice. "We work in the same area so we talk about ideas before we begin any research and often work on a research project together," states Houtman.

Research projects allow them to put into effect their plan of encouraging women in the sciences and in going to graduate school. While working on their individual research projects, both give their students an opportunity to help with research. For instance, one of Inman's students is helping him with his study of foraging and fish.

While Inman and Houtman share many ideas about education, they each have differences that complement the other and that enhance the goals of the team. Houtman teaches the ecological aspects of biology, and Inman focuses on behavior. Both of these areas of concentration spill over into the respective professor's research projects. Houtman's interest in ecology has enabled her to utilize the Wesleyan lake and woods area. Also, the couple, along with some of their students, hope to help with ecological monitoring at the local Museum of Arts and Sciences. The students are able to apply their knowledge from the classroom to campus and community opportunities.

Less time in the classroom also allows Inman and Houtman to devote more time to their students, faculty obligations, and to fun and family. Both are able to spend more time getting to know their students and help-



Houtman feels strongly about the advantages that an environment like Wesleyan offers, "It is impossible to get a better education than you can get at a liberal arts college. Students are taught to think very broadly and analytically." Houtman graduated from Pomona, the fifth ranked liberal arts

*Research interests have lead the teaching team to the lake on campus.*



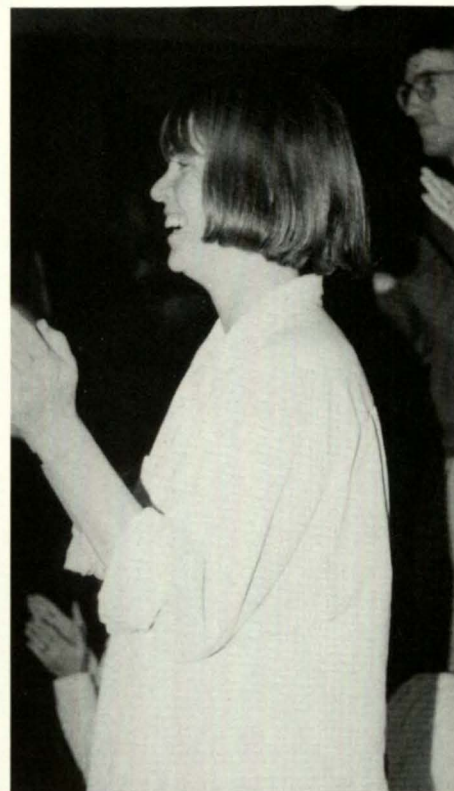
ing them with career plans, research, and independent studies. "By sharing their work and their family responsibilities, they provide for all students an important model for another way in which women can construct their lives," Brown says.

Inman and Houtman not only know their students on the classroom level but also outside of the classroom. Both are active in the Wesleyan community. This year's first-year class, Pirates '97, elected them to be their class sponsors. During a class soccer game, the Pirates were short one player and thought they would have to forfeit. Inman, who also refereed some games, decided that he would play. Besides participating in Pirate class events, Inman and Houtman also attend plays performed by Wesleyan College Theatre, as well as Wesleyan soccer and basketball games. On many occasions, they join the students in the dining hall for meals, including dinner in the evenings.

Houtman and Inman don't come to events on Wesleyan's campus alone.

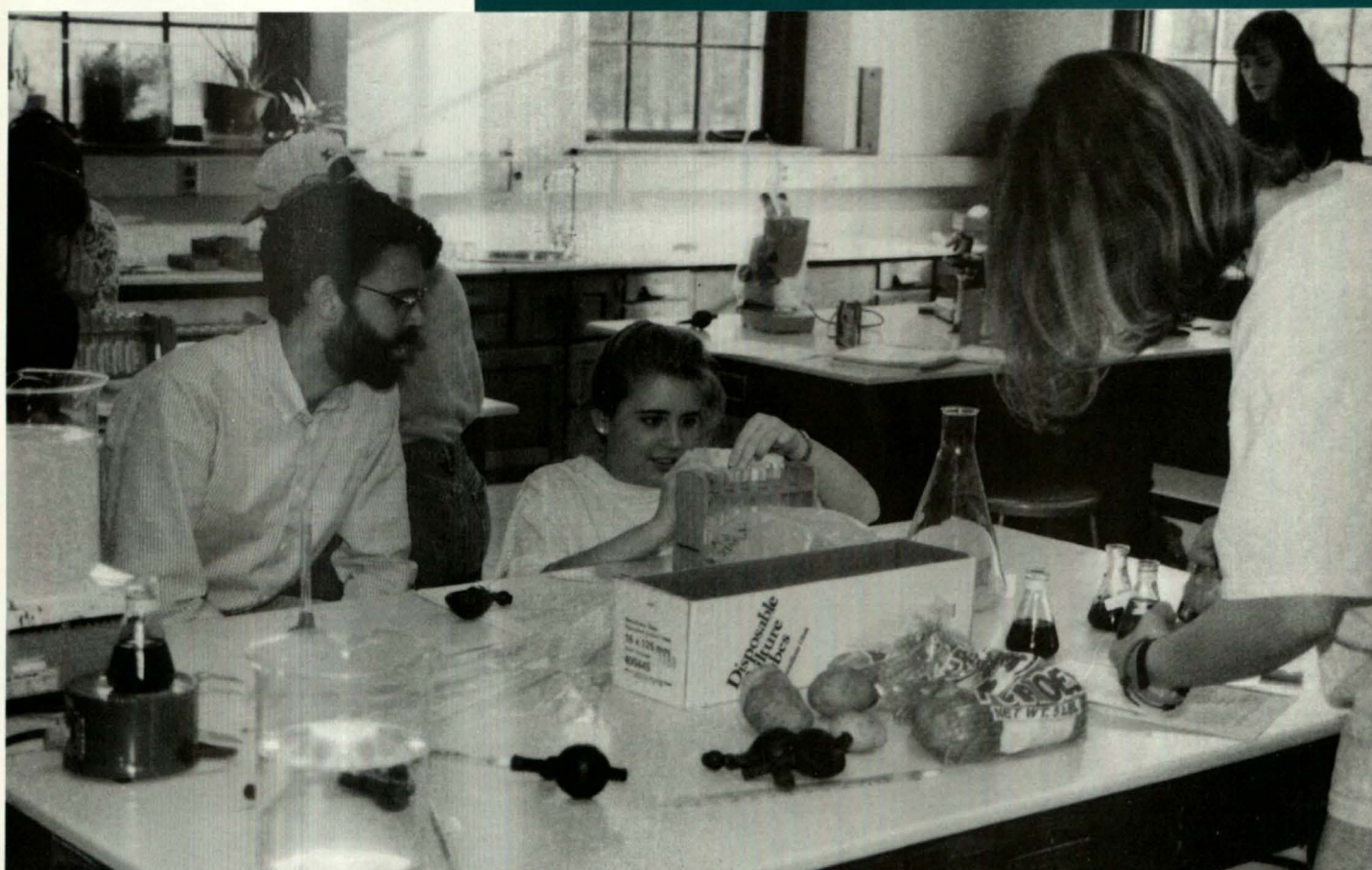
Much of their time is spent with their 18-month-old daughter Abi. Students have seen Abi with her parents at several events such as at the annual Holiday Banquet. Even when a particular event is not taking place on campus, Inman enjoys riding Abi around campus on the back of his bike.

Both are enthusiastic about their position as a biology team at Wesleyan and find the level of commitment of the students and faculty amazing. While at Wesleyan, they hope to strengthen the research program and their lectures and courses to the benefit of the students. Inman and Houtman have been working together since they met at Oxford; undoubtedly a partnership that has worked for both of them and for Wesleyan.



*(Above) Anne Houtman enjoys a Pioneer basketball game.*

*(Below) Alastair Inman working with students in lab.*











# WESLEYAN WOMEN *In Medicine*

by Linda Burnette

*From the 1890s to the 1990s, in urban hospitals, in academic research labs, in rural clinics in Zimbabwe—wherever the need has called them—Wesleyan women in medicine have served with distinction. Though diverse in age and specialty, they share a passion for medicine and a dedication to helping others.*

**“M**edicine is such a consuming field that you have to have a passion for it. Don’t go into medicine unless you feel that you’ll never be happy doing anything else. You have to give up too much of your life for it. It’s a career you should choose out of a passion,” Dr. Bonnie Slovis ’66 says. She adds that she has no regrets about her decision to enter the field, though she began later in her life than most of her colleagues.

In 1986, at age 40, Dr. Slovis started medical school at Emory University, 20 years after graduating from Wesleyan. “I have known since I was 5-years-old that I wanted to be a doctor. The timing in my earlier adult life just wasn’t conducive to my going to medical school.” Dr. Slovis married during her senior year of college at Wesleyan. Two years later she started her family. Not only were these factors strong deterrants, but she was also the first in her family to attend

*Dr. Angie Falany Smith '88 is currently a resident at the Medical Center of Central Georgia.*



college. There was no expectation for women to go to graduate school, much less medical school. "Graduate school was a big leap; medical school was not an option."

However, Dr. Slovis was a driven woman, driven to fill the void she felt from not pursuing her dream. In 1975, she earned a master's degree in Counseling Psychology. She had attended Georgia State part-time while her children were young. After graduating, she went to work as a counselor for Summit Medical Center in Atlanta. Two years later she became Director of Social Services at Midtown Hospital. Following that short-lived position, she worked as an obstetric data specialist at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. In 1981, she graduated from Georgia Tech with a master's degree in Health Systems Analysis. She then worked for two years as a financial analyst, and for two more years as a management consultant. She began medical school in 1986, and in 1990 graduated cum laude from the Emory University School of Medicine.

Interestingly, when she was 30, she did consider medical school. She got up the nerve and called Emory and asked for an application, but she was told that while they would be happy to send her an application, preference would be given to students of a more traditional age, younger than 26. "It took all the courage I had to make that call." It was shortly after that time that she divorced. As a single parent, she took time off from work, obtained student loans and attended Georgia Tech full-time. The Health Systems Analysis degree was attractive because of her interest in health care. In 1981, she married her current husband, Corey Slovis, who is also a physician.

She says that she complained off and on about her lack of professional fulfillment and her desire to be a doctor. "We were on vacation, and were driving, and I was complaining to my husband that I would never be happy if I didn't become a doctor. He looked at me and said, 'Either do it or quit

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talking about it.' I forgot about it for two weeks. Then, it was truly like an epiphany. I was driving to work and I knew, 'I've got to do this.' I had to quit my job. It was very scary, but I had felt for my entire life this was what I was supposed to do." To prepare for the medical school entrance exam, she took courses in biology, chemistry and physics at Georgia State. She took the exam, applied to Emory and was accepted in December 1985. She started class in August 1986. Her sons were then 16 and 18.

She said she believes that medical school is physically harder on older students. "It requires a lot of energy. Academically, there are certain intellectual capabilities that are easier when you are 20 than when you are 40. The benefit of being older is that you are able to understand more complex ideas. I learned things as related facts, not isolated ideas." She adds that she also felt accepted by her classmates. Because of the total commitment required and the number of hours spent, she says that medical school is a transforming experience. It is not a common experience.

After graduation, she completed a residency in Internal Medicine. "I took the boards in September. Now, I am doing sub-specialty training at Vanderbilt in Pulmonary and Critical Care." When she completes her train-

ing in two-and-one-half years, she will be 50. "I have to decide between going into private practice or developing a career in academic medicine," the area in which her husband works. She said that though her plans are far from definite, she will probably go into a private practice.

Already in her brief medical career, she has published numerous articles and received numerous medical awards. She also holds memberships in the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the American Medical Women's Association.

"I have never had one day that I was sorry I did this. It has been my lifelong dream." What does she find most rewarding about her career? "It is the privilege of being someone's doctor. I also get a lot of intellectual reward. I never go to work and feel like if I wasn't doing this it wouldn't matter. I feel like Cinderella. This is what I've wanted to do all my life."



Medical school is difficult for even the most prepared student; however, Dr. Marcella DiVenuto Wood '49 has achieved prominence in a field which she entered being clinically deaf. Dr. Wood, who came to Wesleyan on scholarship, graduated with honors in spite of her disability. She entered the Medical College of Georgia in 1949 and graduated in 1953 with an M.D., specializing in pediatric medicine. Dr. Wood considers her Wesleyan education to have been a major benefit in achieving her goals. "My A.B. from Wesleyan has constantly enriched my life in all phases. My Wesleyan education was superb—one of the greatest gifts of my life." She adds that she feels she went to medical school with a much better liberal arts education than most.

After residency in pediatrics at Crawford Long and Eggleston hospitals in Atlanta, she entered private practice, where she worked from 1957-1974. She also spent several





*Dr. Marcella Wood*

years working as a Head Start consultant for the Dekalb County Public Health Center. In 1967, successful ear surgery restored her hearing. To more fully understand and appreciate Dr. Wood's love for her work, one needs to realize that her achievements were made while rearing five children. Dr. Wood has always had a special place in her heart for children. For example, she saw a need for the siblings of ill children at Eggleston Hospital to have something to do when at the hospital with their parents. Since the visiting children were not allowed to stay in the sick room with their siblings, she brought her rock and mineral collection, a hobby, to the hospital to share with the children. From this beginning grew Eggleston's permanent recreation program for siblings.

At present, she continues to enjoy working with junior medical and senior nursing students, teaching them the "art of pediatrics." She also volunteers at homeless children's day care, "Our House" in Decatur and monthly works at the Hispanic Night Children's Clinic. In 1989, Dr. Wood was honored by the Wesleyan Alumnae Association for Distinguished Service to a Profession.

A 1980 article in the Atlanta Medicine Bulletin of the Medical Association of Atlanta describes Dr. Wood as "a woman married to a physician, mother of five children, a pediatrician, and a church worker."

She has a strong need to minister to children. Dr. Wood served on the board of the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, on the Medical Auxiliary of Atlanta, and on many ad hoc committees related to children's health. During her years as a Georgia Headstart consultant, she visited centers around the state on her own time.

As a pediatrician on state health department research teams, she has contributed to various publications. She has also volunteered medical attention to the adoptive babies for the Fulton County Family and Children Services. She is a recipient of an AMA Medical Education Physicians' Award.



**D**r. Rosalie Voigt Johnson '56 was "called" at the age of 10 to the consecrated life of missionary work; at the age of 13, she had made her decision to become a physician. "I was very young when I actually knew that I wanted to be a doctor. However, my mother had wanted to be a doctor, and she tried so hard not to influence my decision that I got the feeling she thought I wouldn't make a good doctor. By the time I was 13, we had discussed it, and I made my decision."

Dr. Johnson probably was not aware that her decision would lead her to spend 24 years in Zimbabwe. Her missionary service began in 1961 in Zimbabwe, after she graduated in 1960 from Emory University Medical School. When she was deported with her husband, Dr. Morgan Johnson, in 1975 from the then Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), she worked for a year as a resident doctor at Grady Hospital in Atlanta. In 1976, she received an award from Wesleyan for Distinguished Achievement. She returned to Africa to work for six years in Zambia before

returning to Zimbabwe at the end of 1982. She worked in government hospitals in Zambia while her husband was under secondment to the Zambia Council of Churches.

"My whole philosophy of life has been one of service. By choosing a life of service, you never have a problem accomplishing that goal." She believes that physicians who have entered the field with a goal of service rather than goals of status or financial gain have much more gratifying experiences. Dr. Johnson is currently at the Fulton County Health Department, where she runs an HIV AIDS early intervention clinic. She and her husband have five grown children, two girls and three boys.



*Dr. Rosalie Johnson*





One of Wesleyan's earliest women in medicine is best known for discovering successful treatment for spinal meningitis. Dr. Sara Branham Mathews '07, an internationally known bacteriologist, is credited with the discovery. She was the first to isolate the meningococcus, the micro-organism that causes meningitis.

After her graduation from Wesleyan, Dr. Branham pursued a second bachelor's degree in chemistry and biology at the University of Colorado. She earned a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago and later returned to earn an M.D. degree. The remainder of her credentials reads like a "Who's Who in Medicine."

In 1928 she received the Ricketts prize for research in Pathology. She represented the United States at the First International Congress for Microbiology, held in Paris, and at the Second Congress in London in 1936. She was a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners and of the American Board of Pathology, and a fellow of the American Association

## *Wesleyan honored Dr. Sara Branham Mathews with its first Distinguished Service Award.*

for the Advancement of Science, the American Public Health Association and the American Academy of Microbiology. When she was 40-years-old, she was appointed to the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md. Wesleyan College honored her with its first Distinguished Service Award in 1950. She received similar awards from the University of Colorado and the University of Chicago.

At the time of her retirement in 1958, after 30 years of service in microbiology for the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Branham was

chief of the section on bacterial toxins of the Division of Biologics Standards. In 1959, she was named National Medical Woman of the Year by the American Medical Women's Association. Dr. Branham was married to the late Philip S. Matthews but continued to use her maiden name professionally. She died in 1962.



Dr. Angie Falany Smith '88 and Donna Groover '88 are two of the younger Wesleyan women in medicine, both of whom say that becoming a physician has been a life-long dream. Dr. Smith graduated from Mercer University School of Medicine in 1993 with an M.D. and is currently a resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon. Groover will graduate in June 1994 from Mercer University School of Medicine. She intends to go into Family Practice and is currently waiting to find out at which one of three offices she will begin her residency. Her areas of special interest are women and children's health.

From the late 1800s through the present day, Wesleyan women in medicine continue to make strides in their field and for the people they serve.



*Dr. Sara Branham Mathews, right, discovered the cure for spinal meningitis.*



**APRIL 7**

"Women in Politics: Making a Difference." Dr. Ann Stanford, Woodrow Wilson Fellow/former Consul General of U.S. Department of State in Lyons, France. 11:15 a.m., Taylor Amphitheatre.

**APRIL 10**

Spring Choral Concert, 3 p.m., Porter Auditorium.

**APRIL 15-17**

Alumnae Weekend. The schedule of events includes traditional gatherings and the annual meeting, as well as a professional leadership workshop and Wesleyan Today: An Alumnae Forum.

**APRIL 21**

Honors Day Convocation, 11:15 a.m., Porter Auditorium.

**APRIL 21-23**

"All's Well that Ends Well," Wesleyan College Theatre production of Shakespeare's comedy. 8 p.m., Porter Auditorium.

**APRIL 26**

Awards Day Convocation, 11:15 a.m., Porter Auditorium.

**MAY 7**

Commencement, 10 a.m., Porter Auditorium.

**TENNIS SCHEDULE****MARCH 29**

Agnes Scott College at Agnes Scott.

**APRIL 5**

Gordon College at Wesleyan.

**APRIL 8**

Oglethorpe University at Oglethorpe.

**APRIL 12**

Middle Georgia College at Middle Georgia.

**APRIL 18**

Georgia Southwestern at Wesleyan.

**EQUESTRIAN SCHEDULE****APRIL 2**

IHSA Regional Finals hosted by USC at Columbia.

**APRIL 17**

IHSA Zone Finals hosted by USC at Columbia.

**APRIL 24 AND 25**

NRC Collegiate Championship hosted by Goucher College at Townson, Md.

**APRIL 30 AND MAY 1**

IHSA National Finals hosted by Texas A&M at College Station, Texas.





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